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YOUNG MASTER!
CHATTER
PLEASE WAIT, YOUNG MASTER!
CHATTER
SLAM
FATHER!
WHAT IS THIS ABOUT A MARRIAGE ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
AH, THERE YOU ARE MY SON!
AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE IS BAD ENOUGH, BUT YOU HAD THE NERVE TO MARRY ME OFF TO SOME DEMON GIRL?
OH COME ON, DON'T BE SUCH A RACIST. THEY CAN BE PRETTY NICE AT TIMES.
FATHER!
SHAKE
SHAKE
NOW, NOW, CALM DOWN AND HEAR ME OUT.
LET'S SEE...
WHERE SHOULD I BEGIN..?

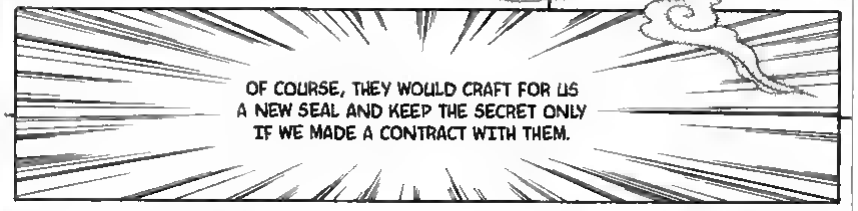
IT ALL STARTED BECAUSE OF THIS.
CLUNCK

ISN'T THAT...
THE 'WHITE DRAGON,' OUR FAMILY'S OFFICIAL SEAL PASSED ON FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION?

IT'S ALREADY BEEN 10 YEARS SINCE THEN.
ONE DAY OUR FAMILY SEAL SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED
IT DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE AS IF IT WERE THE WORK OF A PHANTOM.

HAD OUTSIDERS LEARNED OF THE DISAPPEARANCE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT SCANDAL AND OUR CLAN WOULD HAVE BEEN THROWN INTO A DIRE SITUATION.
IN THE END, I HAD TO SECRETLY TRAVEL TO SEE THE DEMONS OF THE LAKE.
THEY WERE CONSIDERED THE MOST SKILLED CRAFTSMEN AND KNEW HOW TO KEEP A SECRET.

YES, THIS IS THE SEAL WHICH OUR FAMILY USES TO OFFICIALLY SIGNIFY OURSELVES.
...THAT IS, IF IT WERE THE REAL ONE.


OF COURSE, THEY WOULD CRAFT FOR US A NEW SEAL AND KEEP THE SECRET ONLY IF WE MADE A CONTRACT WITH THEM.

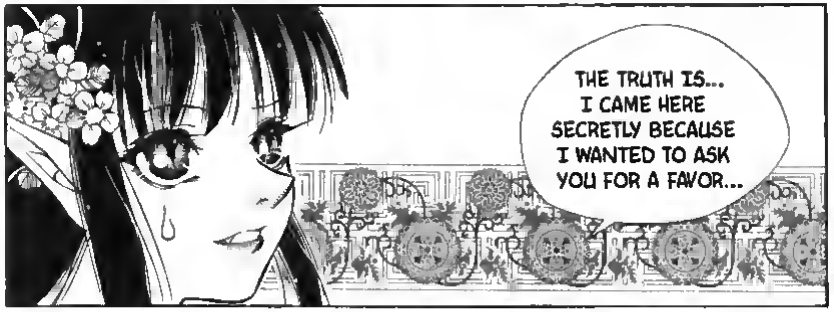
HUH?

AND SO, IN EXCHANGE FOR CREATING A FAKE SEAL WHICH WOULD BE EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE REAL ONE, I AGREED TO THEIR CONTRACT.
HAVE YOUR SON MARRY MY DAUGHTER.

...AND SO?
-YOU'RE GETTING MARRIED!
FZZZT
I'M NOT IN THE MOOD FOR ANY GAMES.
SHOW YOURSELF WHILE YOU STILL HAVE THE CHANCE.
OH MY, I'M SORRY IF I DISTURBED YOU.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU SOLD YOUR SON FOR A STUPID SEAL!
THUMP
SIGH..
I CAN'T BELIEVE FATHER WOULD JUST MARRY ME OFF TO SOME RANDOM DEMON..!
GAAAAH!
POOF

I APOLOGIZE, I WASN'T TRYING TO SPY ON YOU.

REGARDLESS, IT'S NICE MEETING YOU. MY NAME IS SUE SUN FROM THE DEMON CLAN OF THE LAKE AND I'M YOUR FIANCE.
I SEE..
SHAKE
SHAKE
I'M BARAN.

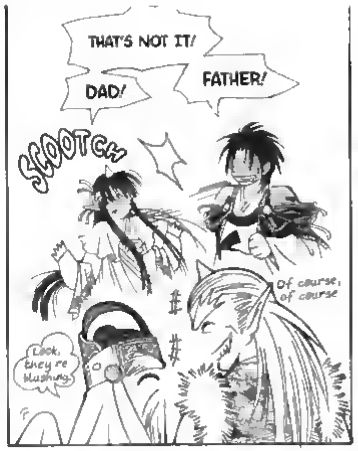

THE TRUTH IS... I CAME HERE SECRETLY BECAUSE I WANTED TO ASK YOU FOR A FAVOR...

...GOOD TIMING, THERE WAS SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK OF YOU.

DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO CONVINCE YOUR FATHER TO CANCEL THE MARRIAGE!

YOU KNOW, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO GET ALONG JUST FINE.
I AGREE.
TWO OF A KIND

OH~ JUST LOOK AT THEM, THEY MAKE QUITE A COUPLE.
YES, AND THEY'RE ALREADY HOLDING HANDS. KIDS THESE DAYS~


THAT'S NOT IT!
DAD!
FATHER!
SCOOTCH
Of course, of course
Look, they're blushing!

WE'VE BOTH AGREED NOT TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS!
JUST WHY EXACTLY ARE YOU TRYING TO MARRY US ANYWAYS?!

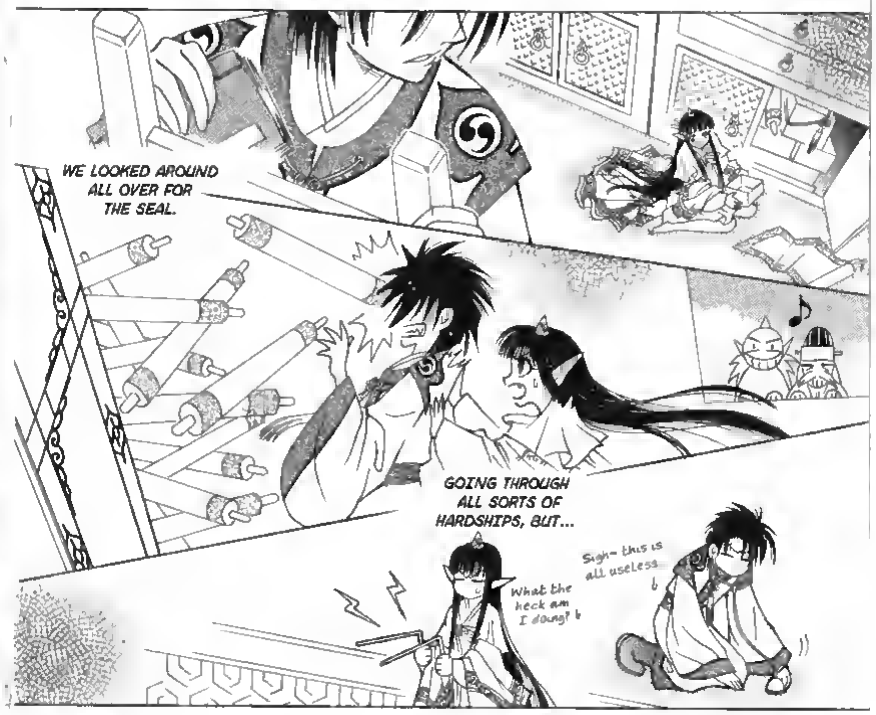
WHY? BECAUSE IT SEEMS FUN DOESN'T IT?
Ke ke ke~ A human son in Law.
Hu hu hu~ A demon daughter in Law.

I REFUSE NO MATTER WHAT!
YOU ADULTS ARE BEING SO IRRESPONSIBLE~!
I bet the seal was just an excuse! I'm right aren't I?!

SQUABBLE SQUABBLE
FINE.
TO BE FAIR, WE'LL GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE.
IN ONE WEEK'S TIME, FIND AND BRING BACK THE REAL 'WHITE DRAGON' SEAL.
IF YOU SUCCEED, WE'LL CANCEL THIS MARRIAGE.
THIS IS YOUR ONE AND ONLY CHANCE!

WE'RE SCREWED.
DON'T... DON'T GIVE UP JUST YET...
It's something that couldn't be found in even 10 years

AND SO...


WE LOOKED AROUND ALL OVER FOR THE SEAL.
GOING THROUGH ALL SORTS OF HARDSHIPS, BUT...
What the heck am I doing?
Sigh~ this is all useless

WE'RE NOT GETTING ANYWHERE!
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIND ONE PARTICULAR THING THAT LOOKS LIKE SUCH A COMMON DAY OBJECT?!
UH IT'S NOT EXACTLY A COMMON DAY OBJECT
SUE SUN...
WHY IS IT THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH THIS ARRANGED MARRIAGE SO MUCH? IS THERE ANY PARTICULAR REASON?
HUH? MY REASON?

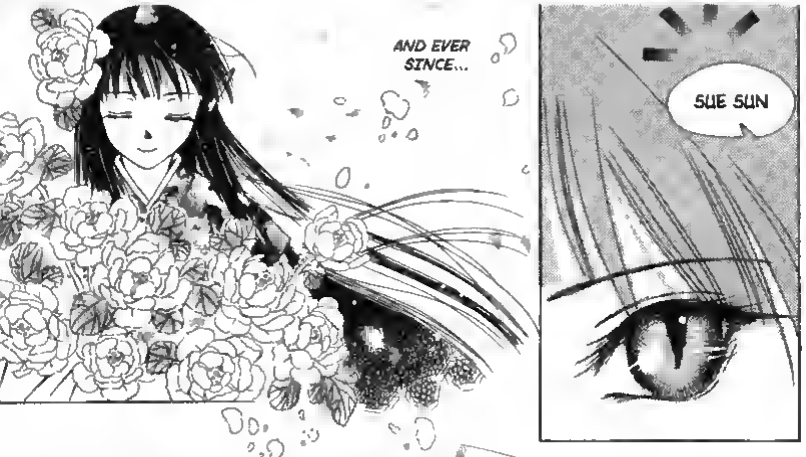
NO MATTER WHAT, I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE/ I PLAN ON FALLING IN LOVE AND CHOOSING MY OWN HUSBAND.
you're rather simple minded aren't you -
THEN WHAT ABOUT YOU BARAN?
...I'M NOT TOO SURE BUT..
WHY DON'T WE TAKE A SHORT BREAK AND I'LL TELL YOU.
ONCE WHEN I WAS A CHILD...
Where am I?
I GOT LOST AND I WANDERED AROUND ALONE FOR DAYS.

THAT'S WHEN I MET A BEAUTIFUL MAIDEN.
SHE LOOKED AFTER ME UNTIL MY PEOPLE CAME SEARCHING FOR ME.
NOW THAT I THINK BACK ON IT, I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER IF IT REALLY HAPPENED OR IF IT WAS JUST A DREAM...
BUT ONE THING'S FOR CERTAIN . I CAN'T SEEM TO GET THAT MAIDEN OUT OF MY MIND.
WHAT, IS THAT IT? YOU'RE STILL HEAD OVER HEELS OVER YOUR FIRST CRUSH?
OR IS IT JUST THAT YOU DON'T FIND ME AS ATTRACTIVE AS HER?
... ...
NO.
ON THE CONTRARY
I FIND MYSELF LIKING YOU MORE AND MORE EVERY INSTANT.

IN ANY CASE, WHETHER OR NOT I'M STILL CHASING AFTER THE PHANTOM MAIDEN, I DON'T WANT TO WRONGLY MARRY A WOMAN WHO DOESN'T WANT TO MARRY ME.
CHUCKLE
WHAT'S WRONG SUE SUN?
BUSTLE
IF YOU DON'T MIND ME SAYING IT, YOU'RE PRETTY FOOLISH YOU KNOW THAT?
CHUCKLE
HMP.
FOOLISH EH?
CHUCKLE
JUST ABOUT EVERYONE HAS HAD EXPERIENCES LIKE THAT YOU KNOW? I'VE EVEN BEEN PROPOSED TO BY A HUMAN CHILD BEFORE
SOME KID PROPOSED TO YOU?
YEAH, AND NOT ONLY THAT, HE GAVE ME A RING THAT WAS AROUND THIS...
JINGLE
JINGLE
WHAT'RE YOU DOING ALL OF A SUDDEN?
Is that a magic purse?
TOSS
TOSS
JUST HOLD ON A SECOND!

I FOUND IT!
SUE... SUE SUN! HOW DID YOU..!
THE CHILD WHO PROPOSED TO ME, PUT THIS ON MY FINGER LIKE THIS SAYING IT WAS A RING.
AND HE SAID TO ME...
"IN 10 YEARS, I WILL COME LOOKING FOR YOU. THIS RING, WHICH IS THE LARGEST AND MOST POWERFUL IN THE WORLD, WILL EVENTUALLY BRING US TOGETHER."
...THEN YOU'RE THE MAIDEN FROM BACK THEN?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! YOU'RE THAT LITTLE CHILD FROM BACK THEN?

MY GOODNESS, HUMANS GROW SO QUICKLY.
NOW I REMEMBER! I BROUGHT THE SEAL OUT WITH ME BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WAS A TOUGH LOOKING RING THAT COULD CRACK SOME WALNUTS I HAD FOUND...
So that was the White Dragon Seal?
And it's only been 10 years too. ^^
He dug his own grave
CLASP
HOW ABOUT I JUST LET YOU KEEP IT?
RUSTLE
YOU KNOW, YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T BE GIVING GIRLS ENGAGEMENTS RINGS ONLY TO TAKE THEM BACK.
LIKE I SAID, I DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE-
AND SO...
OUR ARRANGED MARRIAGE WAS CALLED OFF.
Holy- I can't believe they actually found the real deal!
Those kids are monsters!



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INTERESTING..
SO THAT YOUNG LADY IS THE FAMOUS DR. HAE YHUN?
DON'T LET HER LOOKS DECEIVE YOU, EVEN THE VARIOUS SPIRITS AND SHAMANS COME TO HER FOR HEALING
BUT SHE LOOKS SO YOUNG.
THAT'S WHY THEY SAY SHE'S A GENIUS
HA HA... I GUESS SHE REALLY IS SOMETHING ELSE THEN.
WELL, SHE MIGHT HAVE A LOT OF THINGS GOING FOR HER BUT SHE DOES HAVE HER SHARE OF MISFORTUNES.
I'VE HEARD THAT SHE USED TO HAVE AN OLDER BROTHER.
BUT BECAUSE SHE WAS SO MUCH MORE BRILLIANT THAN HER BROTHER...
UH OH!
but she can hear us!?
DO YOU GENTLEMEN HAVE APPOINTMENTS?
SQUAT
OH, UM... NO.
THEN I'LL WRITE YOU IN FOR TWO DAYS FROM NOW. PLEASE COME SEE ME THEN.
WOW- TALK ABOUT A COLD WIND BLOWING OUR WAY-
I'VE HEARD THAT HER NICKNAME IS THE 'ICY WITCH.'
I'VE HEARD THAT HER NICKNAME IS THE 'ICY WITCH.'
AND THERE'S A RUMOR THAT HE DIED DUE TO HIS MISERY...

SIGH... TODAY WAS ANOTHER TIRING DAY.
WHISPER
...IT WAS A SHAME BUT HIS POSITION WAS STOLEN BY HER. AND HE DIED DUE TO HIS MISERY
WHISPER
...OH, JUST GO TO SLEEP AND FORGET ABOUT IT.
WAVER
WHOOSH
JUMP
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW? IT FELT LIKE SOMETHING UNPLEASANT JUST SPREAD THROUGHOUT MY BODY...
?
WAS I JUST MISTAKEN?
FLAP
THAT'S STRANGE, THERE ISN'T ANY TRACE OF IT NOW BUT I'M ALMOST CERTAIN IT...
HUH?

ISNT HE..!
BROTHER!!
CRASH
BROTHER..?
NO... IT CAN'T BE MY BROTHER, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
BUT HOW CAN THIS BE? HE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE HIM...
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING..? I'M...
HE'S LOSING TOO MUCH BLOOD!
WAIT, GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF! STAY WITH ME!!
PHEW
WELL, I MANAGED TO STABILIZE HIS CONDITION SO HE SHOULD BE FINE NOW

ALSO, WHEN I EXAMINED HIM, HIS PULSE WAS THAT OF A SHAMAN...
JUST WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED TO HIM?
I DON'T ANYTHING ELSE...
PLEASE, DON'T DIE. I CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH ANOTHER PERSON WITH THE SAME FACE AS MY BROTHER DIE. IT'S AS IF BROTHER'S GOING TO PASS AWAY A SECOND TIME.
BLINK
WHO... WHO IS SHE..?
SHE LOOKS LIKE A CELESTIAL MAIDEN, BUT WHY DOES SHE LOOK SO SAD..?
CELESTIAL MAIDEN?! THEN THAT MEAN I'M DEAD?!
URK

HEY! GET THAT UNLUCKY FACE AWAY FROM ME!
JUMP
WHAT..?!
.. UNLUCKY HUH? WELL, SORRY FOR HAVING SUCH AN UNLUCKY FACE.
FUMIE
PAT PAT
TAP TAP
HEY, WHAT'D YOU KNOW? I'M NOT DEAD~!
I CAN'T TELL IF HE'S JUST NAIVE
OR PLAIN STUPID...

SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO HEALED ME, EH? GOOD JOB.
IS THAT HOW YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO TALK TO SOMEONE WHO JUST SAVED YOUR LIFE?!
I'M YOO SOUNG.
AND YOU?
HEE YHUN JOO
WHAT?! THEN YOU'RE THAT INFAMOUS DR. HEE YHUN PEOPLE CALL THE ICY WITCH?!
FALL
HMP, I MIGHT BELIEVE THE RUMORS IF THEY SAID YOU WERE AN ANGEL BUT YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A WITCH AT ALL.
WHA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING..?!
SLAP
WELL, I GUESS IT THE RUMOR WAS KINDA TRUE THEN. YOU MIGHT HAVE ONE DIRTY TEMPER BUT YOUR MEDICAL SKILLS ARE NO JOKE. I DON'T FEEL A THING!
HA HA HA
I'LL TAKE THAT AS A COMPLIMENT..
BY THE WAY...
DROOP
WHAT KIND OF SHAMAN ARE YOU?
I COULDN'T TELL BECAUSE YOUR POWERS WERE HIDING YOUR IDENTITY.

...IT'S A SECRET.
What?!
I HAVE A LOT OF ENEMIES WHO WOULD COME LOOKING FOR ME IF THEY KNEW I WAS INJURED.
SO IT'S BETTER IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW.
WELL
I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER SINCE I CAN STILL HEAL YOUR PHYSICAL WOUNDS WITHOUT KNOWING WHO YOU ARE.
BUT AS LONG AS YOU'RE MY PATIENT, I WANT YOU TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF UNTIL YOU'RE COMPLETELY HEALED.
TAP
...YOU AS WELL.
BE WEARY OF THOSE NIGHTMARES.
THIS CHILD'S A GENIUS.
HeE YHUN MUST BECOME THE NEXT MASTER PHYSICIAN.
BUT, BUT WHAT ABOUT BROTHER?
IT'S TOO BAD FOR HIM, BUT ONE CAN'T BECOME THE MASTER PHYSICIAN BY EFFORT ALONE.
HeE YHUN, PLEASE!
LET ME TAKE THIS NEXT PATIENT!
NO..!
BUT THE DRAGON GOD'S CHILD IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION...
EVEN IF I CAN'T BECOME THE NEXT MASTER PHYSICIAN, I WANT TO AT LEAST BE RECOGNIZED FOR THE SKILLS I DO HAVE.
PLEASE, STOP..!
I DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER THESE THOUGHTS AGAIN~!
I BEG YOU..!

HUH? YOU'RE AWAKE NOW?
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE AWAKE AREN'T YOU?
?
KYAAAA!!
SLAP!

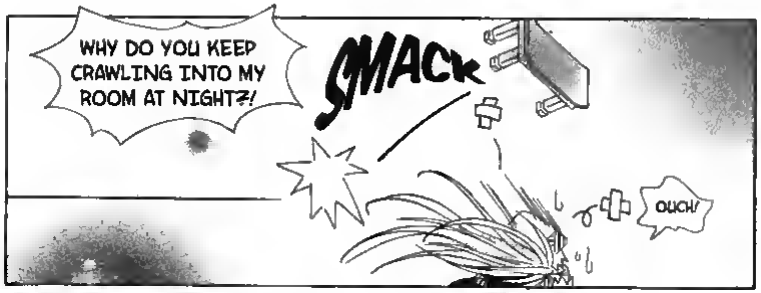
WHAT'RE YOU DOING ENTERING A LADY'S SLEEPING QUARTERS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
WELL YOU WERE CRYING OUT SO WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO?!
OH PLEASE! IN THE FUTURE, DON'T GET INVOLVED IN MY AFFAIRS!
ALRIGHT, SUIT YOURSELF!
HMP, TALK ABOUT STUBBORN.
What is?
PEEK
WAVE
WAVE
BUT STILL...
HEY!

WHAT'RE YOU UP TO?
WHY'RE YOU BEING SUCH A CHEAPSKATE? JUST PUT A BUNCH IN-
KPSY!
FWUMP
NO, WAIT!
HEY, THIS STUFF LOOKS MORE LIKE POISON THAN MEDICINE. ARE YOU REALLY PLANNING ON FEEDING THIS STUFF TO PATIENTS?
AND WHO'S FAULT IS THAT?!

RATHER THAN STAYING OUT OF MY HAIR...

THIS ROOT NEEDS TO BE CAREFULLY HARVESTED SO THAT IT ISN'T DAMAGED
DIG
DIG
YOU SHOULD JUST YANK THESE SUCKERS OUT LIKE THIS-
STOP IT!
WHA HA HA, IT LOOKS LIKE I SNAPPED IT IN HALF~
WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO?! DO YOU KNOW HOW RARE THOSE ROOTS ARE?!

FROM ANYTHING TO EVERYTHING...

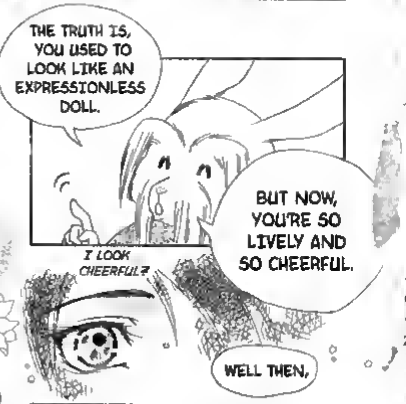


HEY~
YOU'RE LOOKING KINDA PALE, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YOU'RE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE
why me again!
DR. HEE YHUN?
HI
YOU'RE DR HEE YHUN AREN'T YOU?
OH, HELLO.
HA HA, I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU AT FIRST. ANYWAYS, HERE ARE THE MEDICINAL HERBS YOU ASKED FOR.
Me?
You mean him?
WHO IS HE? I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AROUND BEFORE.

DO WE REALLY LOOK LIKE A COUPLE?
IS HE YOUR BOYFRIEND? I'M RIGHT AREN'T I?
NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS!

Hey that hurt. You didn't have to make it a million years did you!
Hmp you sound as if you wanted to be my boyfriend!
MY, MY, WAS I WRONG? THAT'S STRANGE...

I WAS JUST THINKING THAT IF HE WAS SOMEONE WHO COULD CHANGE DR. HEE YHUN SO MUCH THAT I COULDN'T RECOGNIZE HER
I FIGURED IT HAD TO BE HER BOYFRIEND.


THE TRUTH IS, YOU USED TO LOOK LIKE AN EXPRESSIONLESS DOLL.
BUT NOW, YOU'RE SO LIVELY AND SO CHEERFUL.
I LOOK CHEERFUL?
WELL THEN,

I'VE DELIVERED THE HERBS, SO I'LL BE ON MY WAY NOW.
YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
TAKE CARE OLD MAN
I WONDER IF IT'S TRUE? AM I ACTUALLY HAPPY NOW?

I'm so great.
I GUESS IT'S ALL THANKS TO ME ISN'T IT?!
...I'M NOT HAPPY AT ALL!

IF ANYTHING'S CHANGED, IT'S PROBABLY MY BLOOD PRESSURE AND STRESS LEVEL
AND NOT ONLY THAT, I'VE BEEN HAVING MORE AND MORE NIGHTMARES LATELY

WHAT?!
WHAT ABOUT YOUR NIGHTMARES?!

THEY'RE GETTING WORSE? ARE YOU SURE?

YES, ALTHOUGH YOU ALWAYS SEEM TO WAKE ME IN THE MIDDLE OF THEM EVERY TIME I HAVE ONE

WHY DO YOU SEEM SO CONCERNED? ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ME?

WELL OF COURSE. YOU'RE THE ANGEL WHO SAVED MY LIFE.

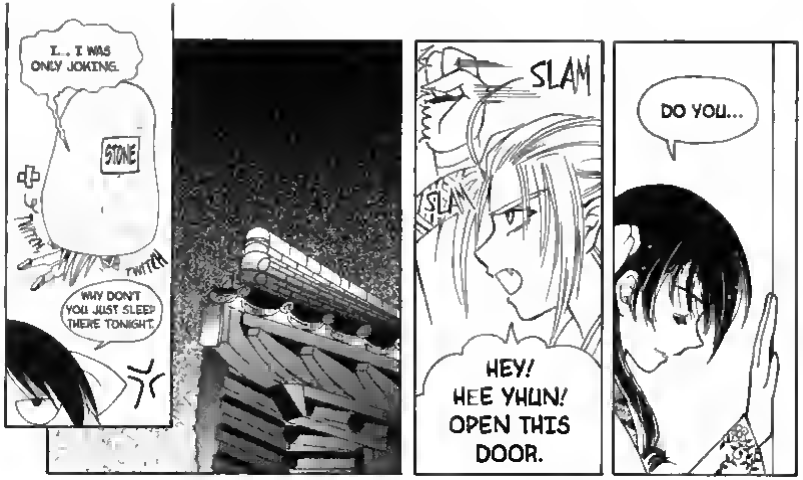
...WHA... WHAT'S WITH THAT EXPRESSION?

AN IRRESPONSIBLE PERSON LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T BE SAYING SUCH SERIOUS THINGS...
I'M FINE.

HEE YHUN! YOU SHOULDN'T BE TAKING THIS SO LIGHTLY!
BUT STILL...

I'M GLAD YOU SAID SO...
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

WE'LL HAVE TO START SLEEPING TOGETHER FOR YOUR BENEFIT.
...I TAKE IT BACK!!
Come here honey


I.. I WAS ONLY JOKING.
STONE
WHY DON'T YOU JUST SLEEP THERE TONIGHT.
SLAM
HEY! HEE YHUN! OPEN THIS DOOR.
DO YOU...

DO YOU REALLY THINK I'D OPEN MY BEDROOM DOOR FOR AN ANIMAL LIKE YOU?!
Especially to a thing who keeps banging on a lady's bedroom door!!
WAIT, THAT'S NOT IT!

LISTEN, YOU'RE IN DANGER RIGHT NOW!

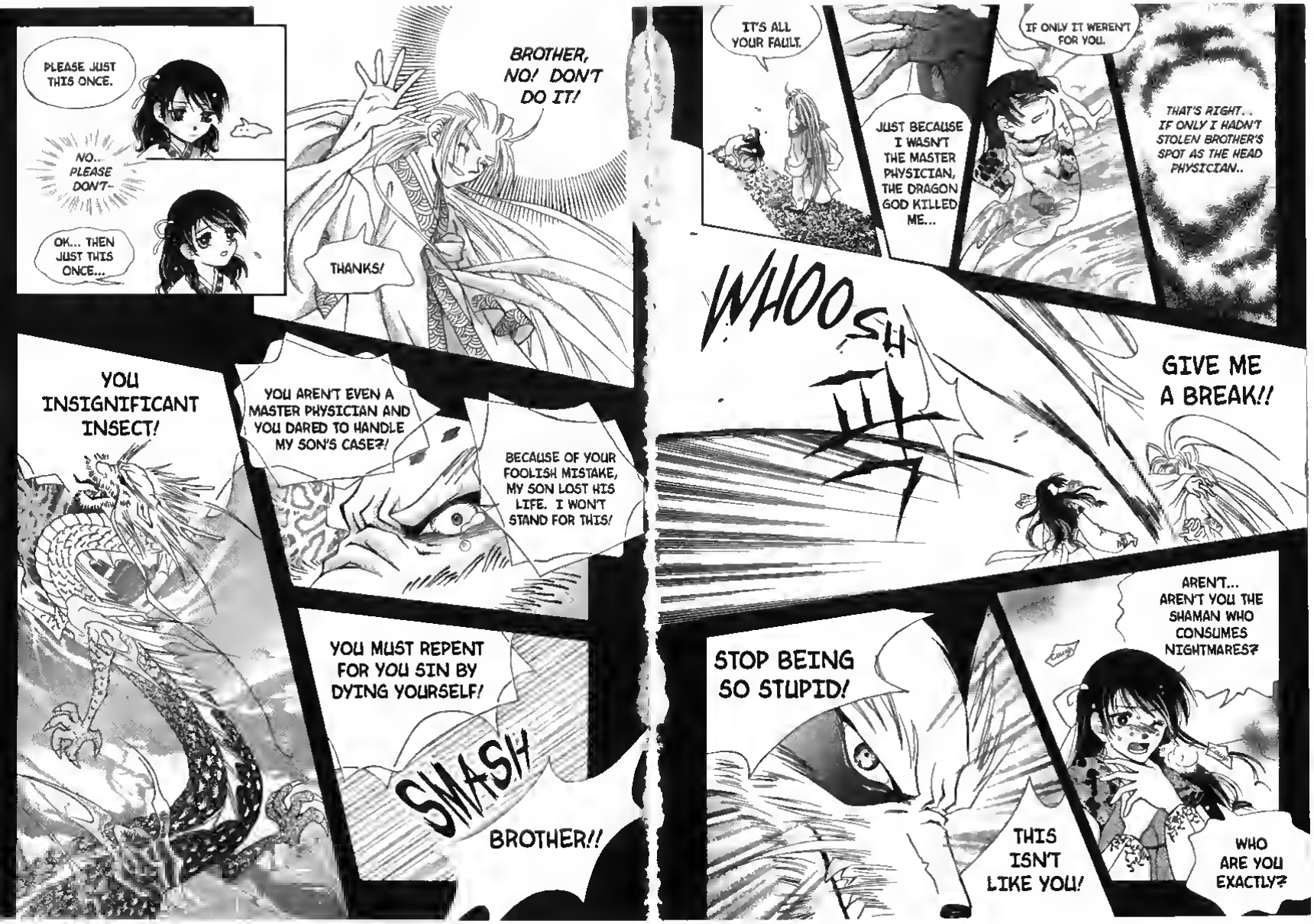
WHAT DOES HE MEAN I'M IN DANGER..? I'M SAFELY IN MY ROOM~!
I DON'T THINK HE'S RASH ENOUGH TO TRY ANYTHING BUT STILL, THERE ARE SOME ETIQUETTES PEOPLE NEED TO UPHOLD.
WHAT IS THAT FOOL THINKING ANYWAYS?
SHUUU

HM?

KE KE KE KE KE
KE KE KE KE KE
HUH.?!

KYAAA!
Shoot!

SMASH
HEE YHUN!
YOU'RE... THE KEEPER OF NIGHTMARES!
끼이이이
PUSHUUU
HEE YHUN, PLEASE!


PLEASE JUST THIS ONCE.
NO.. PLEASE DON'T-
OK... THEN JUST THIS ONCE...
BROTHER, NO! DON'T DO IT!
THANKS!
YOU INSIGNIFICANT INSECT!
YOU AREN'T EVEN A MASTER PHYSICIAN AND YOU DARED TO HANDLE MY SON'S CASE?!
BECAUSE OF YOUR FOOLISH MISTAKE, MY SON LOST HIS LIFE. I WON'T STAND FOR THIS!
YOU MUST REPENT FOR YOU SIN BY DYING YOURSELF!
SMASH
BROTHER!!
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT.
JUST BECAUSE I WASN'T THE MASTER PHYSICIAN, THE DRAGON GOD KILLED ME...
IF ONLY IT WEREN'T FOR YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT.. IF ONLY I HADN'T STOLEN BROTHER'S SPOT AS THE HEAD PHYSICIAN..
WHOOSH
GIVE ME A BREAK!!
STOP BEING SO STUPID!
THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU!
AREN'T... AREN'T YOU THE SHAMAN WHO CONSUMES NIGHTMARES?
WHO ARE YOU EXACTLY?

IT'S ME, YOO SOUNG.
PLEASE DON'T...
WHAT DO MEAN?! STAND ASIDE SO I CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM~!
YOO SOUNG, PLEASE WAIT!
WHAT'RE YOU THINKING? DO YOU STILL THINK THAT'S YOUR BROTHER?
COME ON, YOU'RE SMARTER THAN THAT.
I DON'T CARE ANYMORE. WHETHER HE'S MY BROTHER, HIS GHOST, OR ANYTHING ELSE FOR THAT MATTER...
THIS MIGHT ACTUALLY TURN OUT TO BE MY CHANCE...
A CHANCE TO REPAY MY DEBT TO MY BROTHER, INSTEAD OF LIVING LIKE THIS IN AGONY.

AND WHAT CHOICE DID I HAVE AT THAT TIME?
IF I HAD SAID NO TO MY BROTHER, HE WOULD HAVE LIVED THE REST OF HIS LIFE CONSUMED BY THE FACT HE COULDN'T BECOME THE MASTER PHYSICIAN.
EVEN STILL, WAS I SUPPOSED TO SAY NO TO MY BROTHER? BECAUSE IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER THAN GETTING HIM KILLED?
MAYBE THAT'S IT..! MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE EVEN EXISTED, THEN EVERYTHING WOULD'VE BEEN ALRIGHT!
THEN BROTHER WOULD HAVE AUTOMATICALLY BECOME THE MASTER PHYSICIAN AND EVERYTHING WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST DANDY, RIGHT?
WHY AM I EVEN ALIVE? I'M THE CAUSE OF ALL THIS!
WHY?!

NONE OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TRUE, MISS ANGEL.
RUB
RUB
IF YOU'RE REALLY SORRY ABOUT YOUR BROTHER, WHY DON'T YOU JUST CRY JUST LIKE ANYONE ELSE WOULD?
INSTEAD OF CAUSING ALL THIS RUCKUS AND ATTRACTING GHOSTS AND ALL.
WHAT WILL CHANGE IF YOU DIE?
YOU SHOULD STOP WITH ASSIGNING BLAME TO YOURSELF.
...IT... IT WASN'T MY IDEA TO BECOME A MASTER PHYSICIAN.
AND MY BROTHER HAD STUDIED SO HARD TO BECOME THE MASTER PHYSICIAN.

IF ONLY I HAD REFUSED THE POSITION
STILL, THIS ISN'T SOMETHING ONE CAN JUST REFUSE OR GIVE AWAY...
YET, IF I HAD ONLY SAID NO TO HIM THAT DAY... AND STILL... AND...
THAT'S ENOUGH.
THERE'S NOTHING YOU COULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING ABOUT IT. SO STOP BURDENING YOURSELF WITH ALL THE GUILT
BUT IF YOU STILL THINK YOU OWE YOUR BROTHER SOMETHING, I'M SURE YOUR SINS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PAID BACK WITH THE AGONY YOU'VE BORNE ALL THIS TIME
SNIFF-
SO STOP NOW...

RUSTLE
AH-!
BROTHER..?
BROTHER!
SMILE
...THE NIGHTMARES COMPLETELY GONE NOW. FROM THE START, IT WAS CALLED TO YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR SELF GUILT.
WELL, I HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED ON EATING IT BUT I GUESS WE GOT AWAY TOO BAD, WE SEEMED TASTY TOO
...YOU ACTUALLY EAT THINGS LIKE THAT..?
ANYWAYS~
I GUESS THERE'S NO NEED TO BE IN LA LA LAND ANYMORE RIGHT?
BOO~!!
KYAAA!

NICELY YOU SAY? UM, MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE WOKEN YOU BY GIVING YOU A KISS INSTEAD... BETTER FOR ME~
♥
GEEZE, CAN'T YOU FIND SOME OTHER NICER WAY OF WAKING ME UP?
Tee hee hee~
THUMP THUMP
...UM...
YOU'RE SO PERVERTED, TEE HEE HEE~
What happened to all that seriousness from just 5 seconds ago?
Ouch~
YOU NEVER CHANGE DO YOU .?
TAP
UM...
TAP
HE'S ACTUALLY JUST A SMALL TIME SHAMAN THAT SHOWS PEOPLE THINGS THEY WANT TO SEE IN THEIR DREAMS
IN SOME CASES, NEGATIVE FEELINGS REACT TO HIS POWERS TURNING PEOPLE'S DREAMS INTO NIGHTMARES.
That's why I was apologizing earlier
NOD NOD
AND BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T LET ME FINISH HIM OFF, I ENDED UP TAKING SOME DAMAGE AND HE ENDED UP IN THIS ROOM WITH US.
Isn't that kinda harsh calling me a small time shaman?
NO WAY..!
Ready to flip out
READY TO FLIP OUT I'VE BEEN SUFFERING ALL THESE NIGHTS BECAUSE OF THIS RIDICULOUS LOOKING CLOWN..?!
YOO SOUNG!
YES, MA'AM?!
EAT THAT BASTARD!
I'M SORRY ABOUT ALL THE TROUBLE I CAUSED.
I WASN'T TRYING TO IMPOSE OR ANYTHING.
REALLY? CAN I~?
YES? WHO ARE YOU?
??
And why are you in my room?
I THINK HE'S THE ONE WHO'S BEEN CAUSING ALL YOUR NIGHTMARES.
Bungo♪
WHAT?!
STUMBLE
SHRIEK!
SWING
AH..!
SOMEONE SAVE ME~!!

Dispel Magic

IS IT MORNING ALREADY..?
THAT'S RIGHT
SMILE
WHAT? YOU'RE NOT GOING AFTER HIM?
JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE HURT ONCE BEFORE, YOU SHOULDN'T JUST SIT AND COWER IN A CORNER.
TAP
THANKS.
I KNOW THIS NOW AND SO I'LL GET UP AND START MOVING AHEAD AGAIN.
BECAUSE IT WOULD BE SUCH A SHAME...
Good God! You actually smiled! I think that was the first time I've seen you smile! And you were so pretty when you did, are you sure you're not really an angel?!
TO WASTE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL MORNING.
Meanwhile...
Oh stop it! Doesn't it ever embarrass you to say things like that?!
Trust me, I'm not very kinky at all...
ZOOOOM

Hannya - The End

DING DONG DING♪
JOON!
HEY JOON!
MIRAN?
YOU'RE GOING TO COME OVER LATER RIGHT?
PAT
HUH..?
I'LL BE WAITING OK? SEE YA~ ♡
WA... WAIT~!
♪O HO HO♪

"I'LL BE WAITING?" WAITING TO DO WHAT? IT SOUNDS MIGHTY SUSPICIOUS TO ME~
TELL US EVERYTHING, OR ELSE~!
...GUINEA PIG.
WHAT?
HAVE YOU GUYS EVER HEARD OF DARK MAGIC? SHE WANTS TO USE ME AS A GUINEA PIG FOR HER EXPERIMENTS.
Dark what?
AND ANTHER THING...
MIRAN AND I ARE MERELY CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, NOTHING MORE...

UM,
SUCH AS GIVING YOU MY ENTIRE ALLOWANCE SO THAT YOU COULD BUY MYSTERIOUS LOOKING BOOKS,
WHETHER YOU BECOME A WITCH OR ANYTHING ELSE FOR THAT MATTER, I'VE DONE A LOT OF QUESTIONABLE THINGS THAT YOU'VE ASKED ME TO,
AND HELPING YOU SNOOP AROUND THE ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD TO LOOK FOR MAGICAL ITEMS.
NOW PUTTING THAT ASIDE, DO I REALLY NEED TO DRINK THIS?
YES, PRETTY PLEASE!
I THINK I'LL PASS.
SPLASH!
AH~! HOW COULD YOU!!
BUDGE...
WUUUUUOOOOOOO
AAAAAAAAAAAHHH
WUUUUUOOOOOOO

ROAR
...WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT STUFF ANYWAYS?
THAT'S STRANGE, I COULD HAVE SWORN THE RECIPE WAS CORRECT THE POISONOUS SKIN OF AN AGED FROG, A SPIDER WEB WITH A HINT OF MORNING DEW
HELLO~! PEOPLE WILL DIE IF YOU MAKE THEM EAT THAT KIND OF STUFF
OH THAT'S RIGHT! I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT THE DRIED DOG POOP!
I FORGOT TO PUT IT IN BECAUSE I WAS DRYING IT OUT ON THE PORCH.
HEY! ARE YOU LISTENING TO A WORD I'M SAYING?
The person who's talking big now, but didn't even notice the dog poop on his way in
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S ACTUALLY TRYING TO USE ME AS HUMAN GUINEA PIG. BUT THEN AGAIN, I GUESS I'M PRETTY FOOLISH MYSELF FOR LETTING HER...
SIGH~

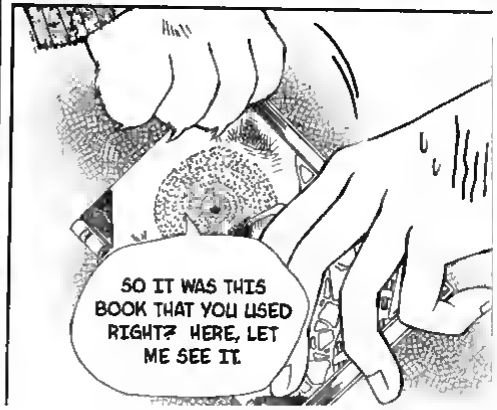
CRASH
HM?
THUD
SOHORIX-!
SINCE WHEN DID THIS BOOK GET HERE?
FLIP
...
MAGIC?
GOODNESS JOON! YOU WERE INTERESTED IN MAGIC AS WELL? I'M SO HAPPY!
ACTUALLY, I WAS JUST...
JOON, DO YOU WANT SOMETHING TO DRINK WHILE I REMAKE THE POTION?
YOUR USUAL, BLACK COFFEE, IS FINE RIGHT?
GODO GOODIB...
I'M TELLING YOU, THAT'S NOT IT...
LET'S SEE, WHERE'D I LEAVE THAT BOOK FOR NOVICES..?

A tail? A dog's tail? Why does she have a tail? Is that really her's tail? Maybe she has one in her underwear or something. Or is it a prank and she's pretending to be a demon or something like that?
UWAAA!
HEY MIRAN!
STOP FOOLING AROUND, DO YOU REALLY THINK THIS IS FUNNY?!
FLING
WHAT DID I DO?!
STOP IT, I CAN'T BREATH!

DOEING
POOF
POOF
POOF
HUH?

THIS HAS TO BE A DREAM, RIGHT?
PANIC

OH MY GOSH, YOUR SPELL MUST HAVE REALLY WORKED!
I knew it these spells do work!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME! THERE'S NO WAY THIS KINDA STUFF IS REAL~!
...And this isn't the time to be amazed!


SO IT WAS THIS BOOK THAT YOU USED RIGHT? HERE, LET ME SEE IT.

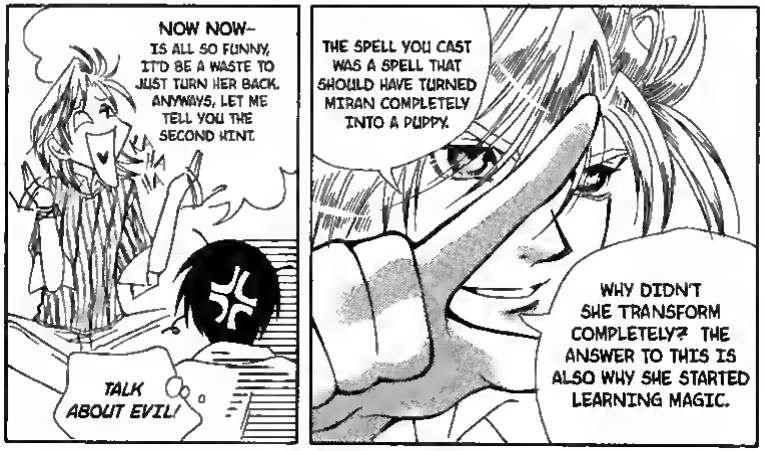
HUH..? WHAT DOES THIS SAY?
WHAT CAN'T YOU READ IT? I'M SURE IT SAID
. WHAT THE..? HOW THE HECK DID I READ THIS STUFF?
This isn't English at all...
UH...
I MET SOMEONE ONLINE AT A MAGIC USER'S CLUB. HIS SCREEN NAME WAS GARGAMEL AND I'M SURE HE CAN HELP.
HE LIVES AROUND HERE AND HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A REALLY GOOD WARLOCK.
.....
MIRAN?
RRIIII~!
STOP IT!
BARK BARK BARK
Miran wait!
Miran
Pant Pant
Miran no!
SOMEHOW, I DON'T FEEL LIKE GETTING HELP FROM SOMEONE SUSPICIOUS SOUNDING LIKE THAT...
DING
DONG
THIS KINDA THING ISN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN IN REAL LIFE!!
Unsure of reality now
OHOH
AAAAA!
CA... CALM DOWN~!
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE OUT OF OPTIONS. KEEP IN MIND, I'M AN EXPERT IN THIS FIELD.
Why do I get a bad feeling about this?
WE'LL JUST RECRUIT SOME HELP.

STOP CAUSING SO MUCH TROUBLE!!
Had to be held
AAAA
AAAA
OH MY-
I THINK I'M STARTING TO THINK LIKE A PUPPY AS WELL.
CREAK
HUH? IT'S OPEN.
EXCUSE US..!
WELCOME TO MY PLACE..!
Kya!
TUMBLE
...FELLOW WARLOCK OR WITCH!
Uwaa!
HAVE YOU COME TO CHALLENGE ME?
CRASH
OR HAVE YOU COME TO DISCUSS MAGIC.

...HM?
IS THAT YOU KUKURI?
A HA HA HA, HI-/ I NEEDED YOUR HELP SO I THOUGHT I WOULD STOP BY
HM... THEN YOU MEAN,
THIS FRIEND OF YOURS, JOON, CAST A SPELL FROM THIS BOOK
AND THAT'S WHY YOU TURNED INTO A HALF-DOG HALF HUMAN?

WELL THAT EXPLAINS IT.. I WENT TO ANSWER THE DOOR BECAUSE I FELT A STRONG MAGICAL AURA. SO IT WAS HIS AURA THEN
NOD NOD
WHAT? THEN YOU CAN EVEN DETECT MAGICAL POTENTIAL WITHIN PEOPLE? WHAT ABOUT ME THEN?
AS FOR YOU KUKURI~
YOU SHOULD GO FETCH!
TOSS
MIRAN!
JUMP!
MIRAN!
She jumped out of the window! W
IN THE MEANTIME, WHY DON'T WE CHAT A BIT.
What are you anyway, her self-imposed guardian
LISTEN CAREFULLY.
I'LL GIVE YOU 3 HINTS AS TO HOW TO RETURN HER TO NORMAL.
THE FIRST HINT IS THAT THIS BELONGED TO A FIRST CLASS WARLOCK NAMED SADANOFF.
IT SEEMS THAT IT REACTED FOR A MOMENT TO YOUR MAGICAL POTENTIAL.
BY THE WAY SADANOFF IS A REALLY FAMOUS WARLOCK.
AND PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE OF HIS REPUTATION AS A FAMOUS WARLOCK..
IN ANY CASE, HE WAS ALSO FAMOUS FOR BEING EXTREMELY HARD TO PLEASE.
FOR EXAMPLE..
ONE DAY, BECAUSE HE GOT IRRITATED WITH THE WOMAN HE HAD CRUSH ON...
SURU
AND HE TURNED HER INTO A PUPPY.
GASP
WHA... WHAT DOES IT MATTER..?

THAT HE HAD A CRUSH ON THAT PERSON?
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT WE FIND A WAY TO TURN MIRAN BACK TO HER NORMAL SELF.


NOW NOW- IS ALL SO FUNNY, IT'D BE A WASTE TO JUST TURN HER BACK. ANYWAYS, LET ME TELL YOU THE SECOND HINT.
TALK ABOUT EVIL!
THE SPELL YOU CAST WAS A SPELL THAT SHOULD HAVE TURNED MIRAN COMPLETELY INTO A PUPPY.
WHY DIDN'T SHE TRANSFORM COMPLETELY? THE ANSWER TO THIS IS ALSO WHY SHE STARTED LEARNING MAGIC.

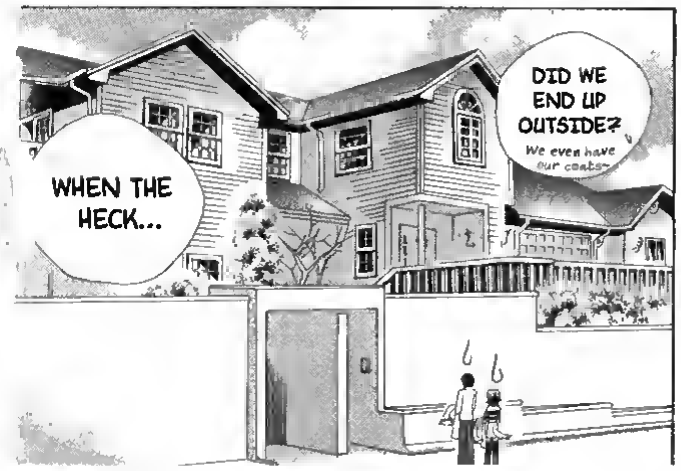
ARE YOU SAYING SHE HAS SOME SPECIAL REASON FOR LEARNING MAGIC?
I JUST THOUGHT ALL GIRLS FANTASIZED ABOUT BECOMING SOME CUTE LOOKING WITCH OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT..
HEY GARGAMEL!

I GOT THE BALL-♥
Use the door, dang it!

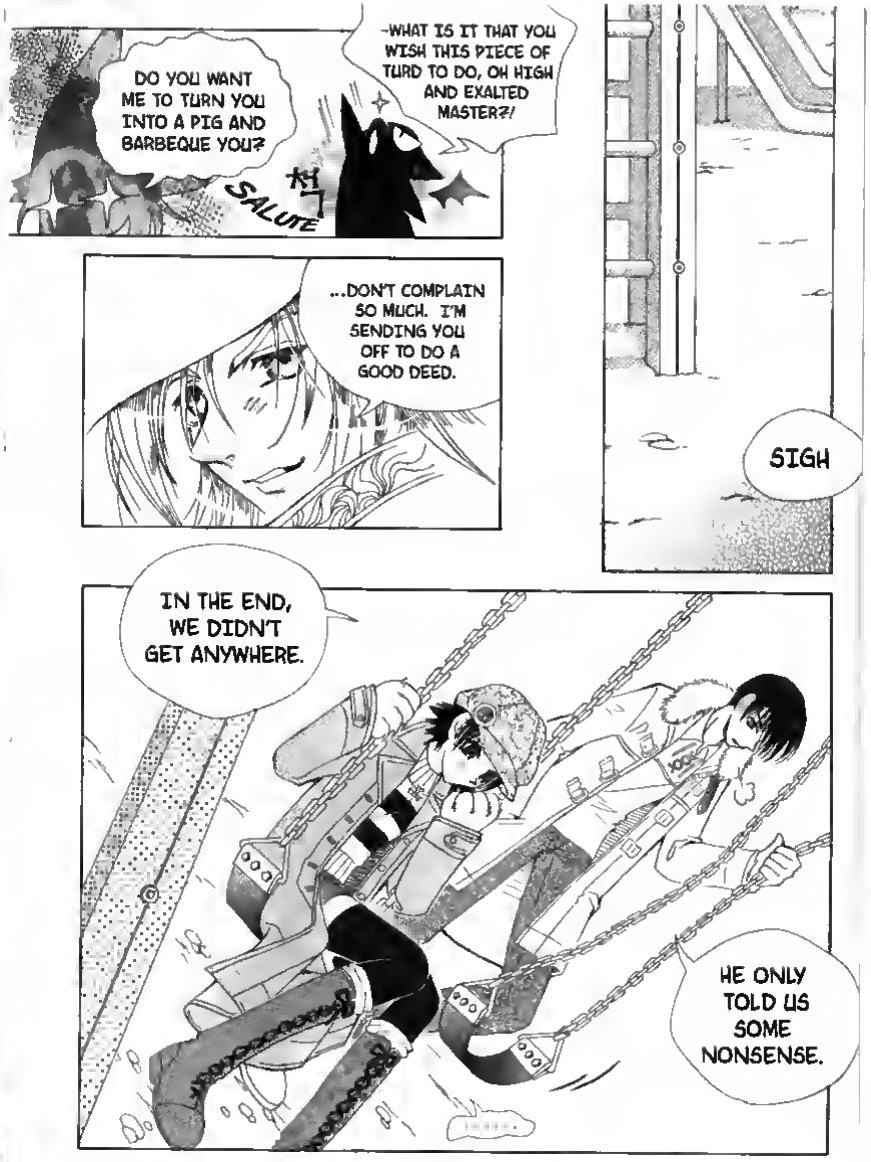
GOOD TIMING.
TAP
WE JUST FINISHED OUR LITTLE CHAT SO YOU GUYS CAN LEAVE NOW.

BUT WAIT! YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME HOW TO...
THE THIRD WINT IS..!

BE HONEST TO YOURSELVES AND TO EACH OTHER. THAT'S ALL.
ALRIGHT THEN, BYE~!
WHOOSH-


WHEN THE HECK...
DID WE END UP OUTSIDE?
We even have our combs~

ALRIGHT~
NOW THEN...
SNAP
GET READY TO MAKE A SHORT TRIP AZREAL.
DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO/
WHY YOU LITTLE../ DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK WITH ME YOU FAT PIECE OF TURD/
PUNT
UWA~!
WHO'RE YOU CALLING A FAT PIECE OF TURD?!
Imaginary version
I'M THE REVERED DARK KNIGHT AZREAL VON VITROPH THE 3RD~!


DO YOU WANT ME TO TURN YOU INTO A PIG AND BARBEQUE YOU?
SALUTE
~WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WISH THIS PIECE OF TURD TO DO, OH HIGH AND EXALTED MASTER?/
...DON'T COMPLAIN SO MUCH. I'M SENDING YOU OFF TO DO A GOOD DEED.
SIGH
IN THE END, WE DIDN'T GET ANYWHERE.
HE ONLY TOLD US SOME NONSENSE.

AT THE LATEST, IT'D BE NICE IF WE CAN FIGURE THIS OUT BEFORE TOMORROW SO THAT I CAN GO TO SCHOOL...

OH, THAT'S RIGHT! MAYBE THE SPELL WILL WEAR OFF AT DUSK!
UH, I'D HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT SOME SORT OF FAIRY DUST THAT WEARS OFF AT NIGHT.

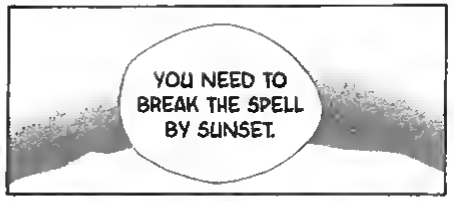
ACTUALLY, SHE'S ABOUT HALF RIGHT.

Wow, what a cool sounding voice...
WHAT?! WHO ARE YOU?!

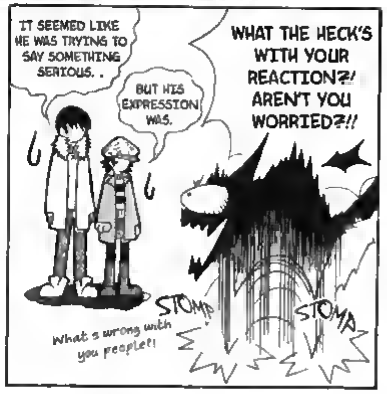
HUH?! WHAT THE HECK IS THIS THING?!
What in the world!
THAT IDIOT YOU MET WITH EARLIER DIDN'T TELL YOU SOMETHING...
AND I'M HERE TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT.

CLANG
KNAK

I'M HERE TO DELIVER A MESSAGE FROM MASTER GARGAMEL, THE HIGH AND EXALTED.
WOBBLE


YOU NEED TO BREAK THE SPELL BY SUNSET.

BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T...
SOMETHING WORSE WILL HAPPEN.


IT SEEMED LIKE HE WAS TRYING TO SAY SOMETHING SERIOUS...
BUT HIS EXPRESSION WAS.
WHAT THE HECK'S WITH YOUR REACTION?! AREN'T YOU WORRIED?!!
What's wrong with you people!!
STOMP
STOMP

ANYWAYS..!
I'VE DELIVERED THE MESSAGE SO I'M TAKING OFF NOW!

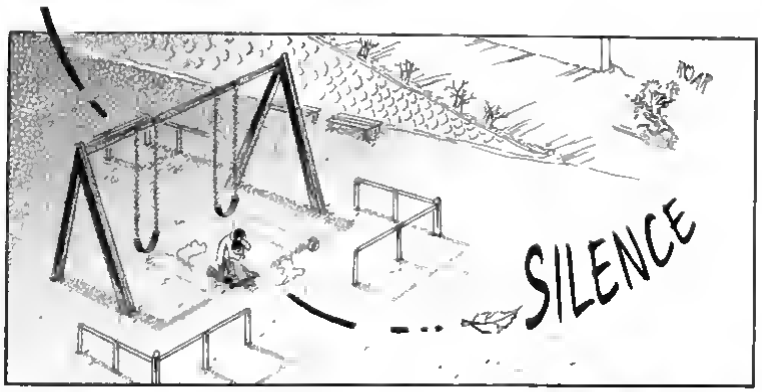
BEFORE SUNSET..?
WHAT?! BUT THE SUN'S ALREADY ALMOST ABOUT TO SET THOUGH!
OH NO~! YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S ALREADY GETTING DARKER!
CAN'T YOU THINK OF ANYTHING?
I DON'T KNOW, I CAN'T THINK RIGHT NOW!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
HOW COULD I HAVE DONE SOMETHING LIKE THIS..?!
IT'S.. IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
THE LEAST I CAN DO IS SELL MY SOUL TO THE DEVIL OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO HAVE YOU RETURNED TO NORMAL~!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
PUNCH
IF I EVER CATCH YOU DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT,
YOU WON'T HEAR THE END OF IT!
MIRAN...
I CAUSED ALL THIS TO HAPPEN...
Did it hurt?
Well I hope it did!
Take this as well
AND EVEN IN THIS SITUATION, YOU'RE THINKING OF ME INSTEAD...
CLASP
MIRAN

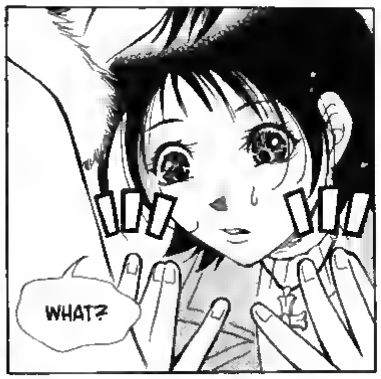
I...
LOVE YOU.
—?!!
WHEN I LOOKED AT SADANOFF'S MAGIC BOOK
MY EMOTIONS MUST HAVE ACTIVATED THE SPELL...
BUT UNLIKE HIS WARPED SENSE OF LOVE
I'LL NEVER JUST LEAVE YOU LIKE THIS... NO MATTER WHAT

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME..!
THE... THE ONLY REASON I STARTED LEARNING DARK MAGIC WAS SO I COULD LEARN HOW TO MAKE LOVE POTIONS AND MAKE YOU DRINK IT!!
THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE AT ALL!
WHAT'D YOU MEAN?
HUH?
I'M A WOMAN TOO YOU KNOW~
I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO KEEP TREATING ME LIKE SOME CHILDHOOD FRIEND. I'VE LOVED YOU FOR SO LONG...
AND SO...

WE'RE BOTH FOOLS AREN'T WE?
.....
SMIRK
KAAA
KAAA
KYAA!
PZZZZT
MIRAN..?!
DON'T COME NEAR!
STAY BACK, OR YOU'LL BE HURT AS WELL!
GRAB
AH!
WHATEVER HAPPENS...
LET IT HAPPEN TO ME INSTEAD! LET MIRAN GO!!


ROAR
SILENCE

...HUH?


WHAT?

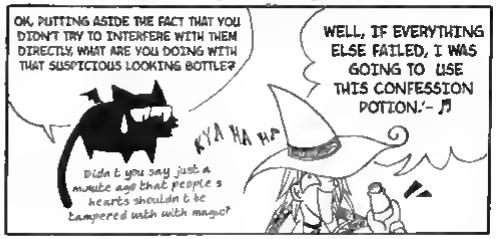
THE SPELL...
WAS BROKEN?

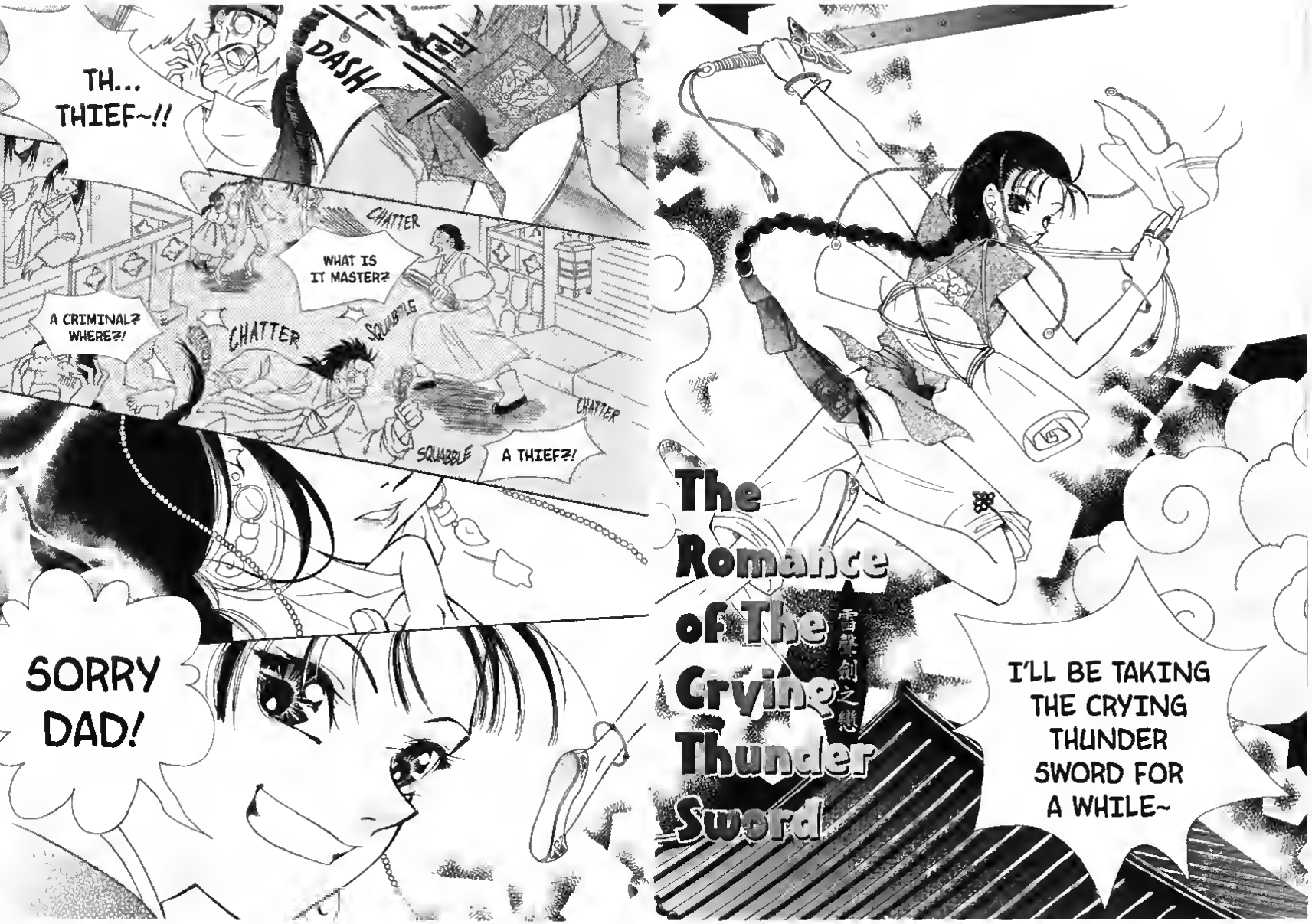
THANK YOU GOD!
I'M NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENED...
BUT I'LL MAKE SURE NEVER TO PUT MIRAN IN HARMS WAY EVER AGAIN!
ALRIGHT!
JOON!
HUG
IN THE CASE OF THE GREAT WARLOCK SADANOFF

THE WOMAN HE LOVED WAS TURNED INTO A PUPPY.
HE HAD PLANNED ON RELEASING THE SPELL IF SHE PROFESSED HER LOVE FOR HIM. HOW FOOLISH.
IT'S TOO BAD THEY DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS FOOLISH TO TRY AND CONTROLS SOMEONE'S EMOTIONS WITH MAGIC.

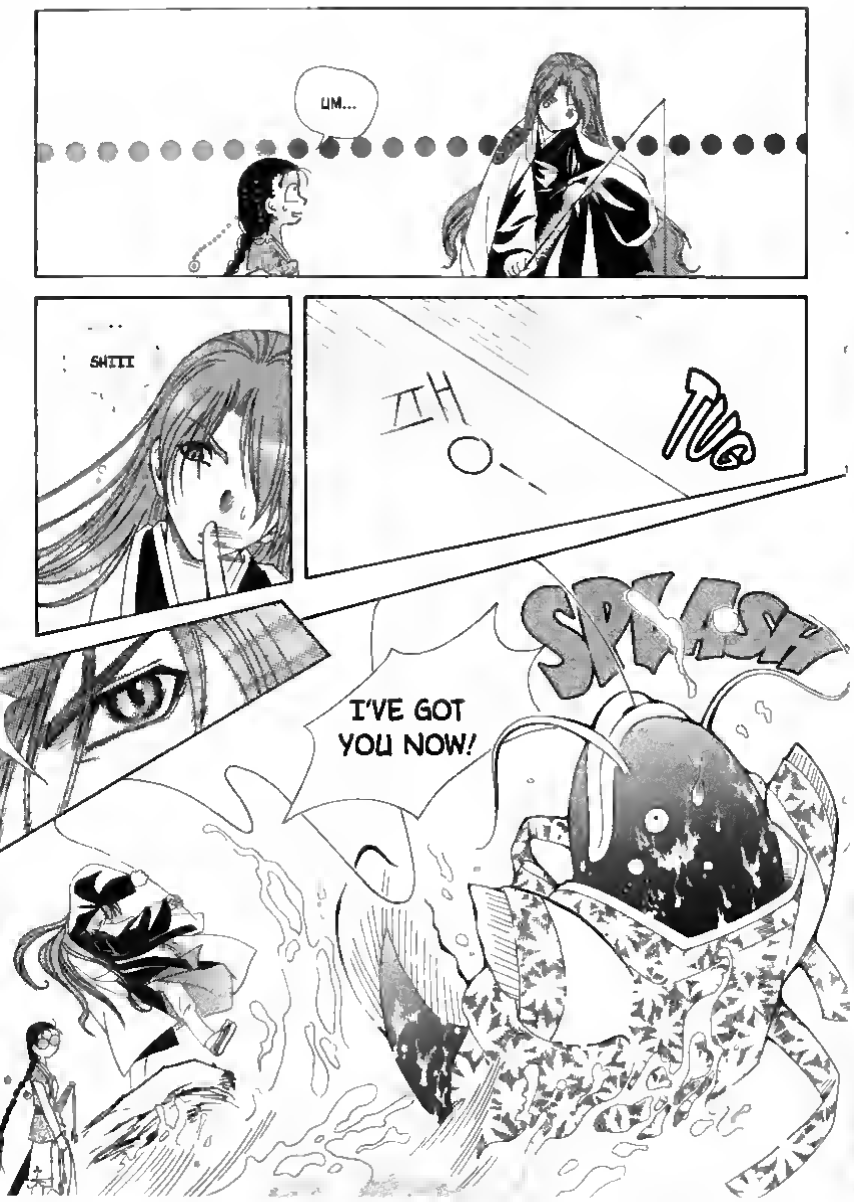
I HOPE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WORKS OUT YOU TWO.

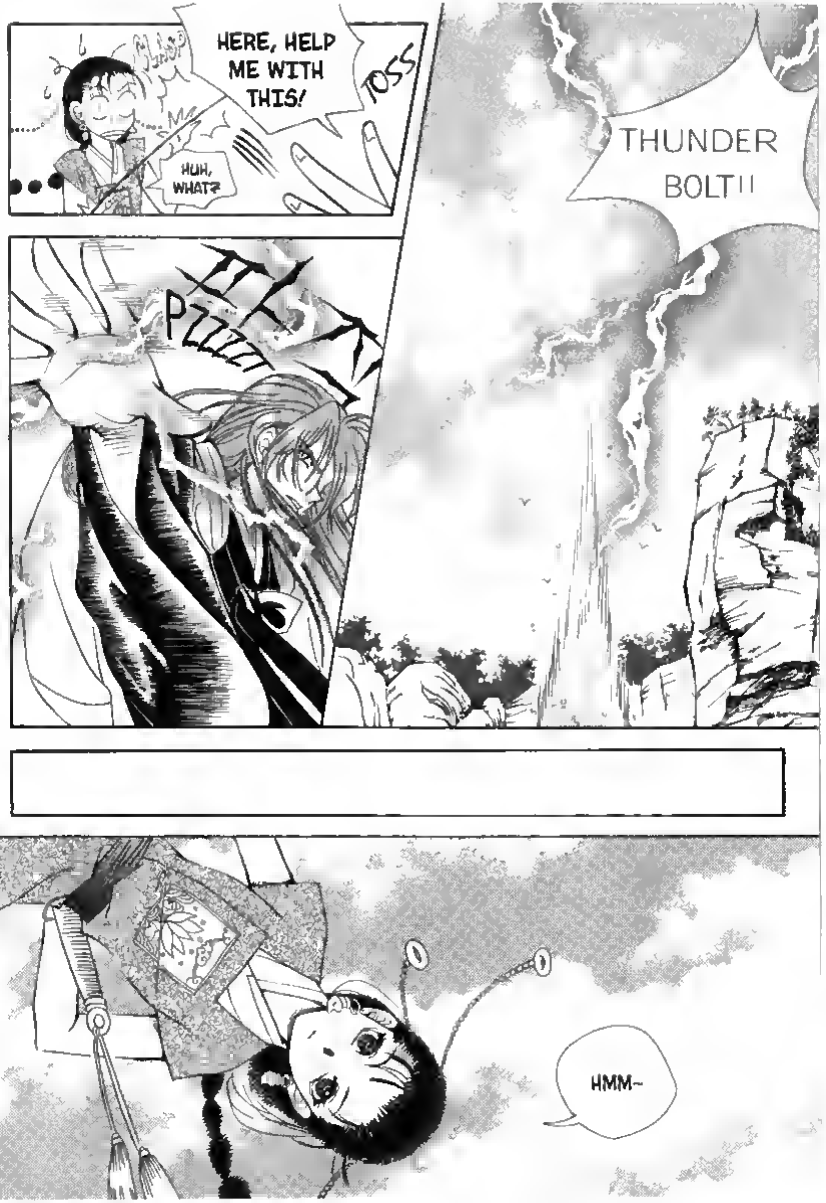
Dispel Magic - The End


OK, PUTTING ASIDE THE FACT THAT YOU DIDN'T TRY TO INTERFERE WITH THEM DIRECTLY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT SUSPICIOUS LOOKING BOTTLE?
Didn't you say just a minute ago that people's hearts shouldn't be tampered with with magic?
KYA HA HA
WELL, IF EVERYTHING ELSE FAILED, I WAS GOING TO USE THIS CONFESSION POTION.'~ ♬


TH... THIEF~!!
DASH
CHATTER
WHAT IS IT MASTER?
A CRIMINAL? WHERE?!
CHATTER
SQUABBLE
CHATTER
SQUABBLE
A THIEF?!
SORRY DAD!
The Romance of The Crying Thunder Sword
雪聲劍之戀
I'LL BE TAKING THE CRYING THUNDER SWORD FOR A WHILE~

FLUTTER
CHIRP
콰 콰 콰-
SSSSSHH
WOW!
SSSSSHH
What luck~♥
WHY'S THIS PRETTY BOY OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE?!
GEEZE, IT'S SO HOT.
AND NOW, I'M STARTING TO GET THIRSTY~
I COULD'VE SWORN I HEARD THE SOUND OF WATER COMING FROM THIS DIRECTION...
I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING?
IS HE FISHING?
SNAP
HUH?

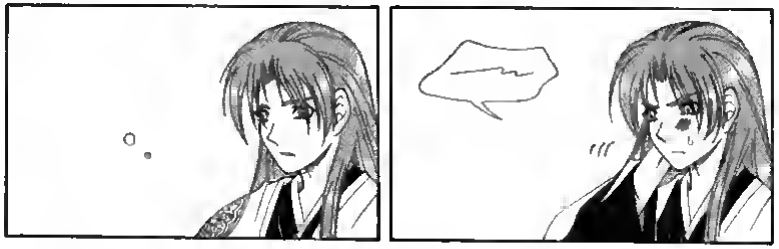

UM...
SWIII
TUG
SPLASH
I'VE GOT YOU NOW!


HERE, HELP ME WITH THIS!
TOSS
HUH, WHAT?
THUNDER BOLT!!
PZZZT
HMM~

WHAT A STRANGE LOOKING... CATFISH? WHAT IS THIS THING EXACTLY?
IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID, IT'S A CATFISH.
OH REALLY? I GUESS CATFISH HAVE CHANGED RECENTLY THE LAST TIME I CHECKED, THEY WEREN'T AS LARGE AS PEOPLE AND DIDN'T WEAR CLOTHES.
.....?
ACTUALLY,
HE'S A CATFISH FROM THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM. HE'S ONE OF THE HEAVENLY LORD'S PET'S THAT HAD ESCAPED...
SEAL!
POOF
...IS WHAT I WOULD SAY BUT I DOUBT YOU'D BELIEVE ME, RIGHT?!

?
OH REALLY?

IF YOU ASK ME, IT WOULD SEEM STRANGER IF YOU SAID YOU WERE JUST A REGULAR PERSON.

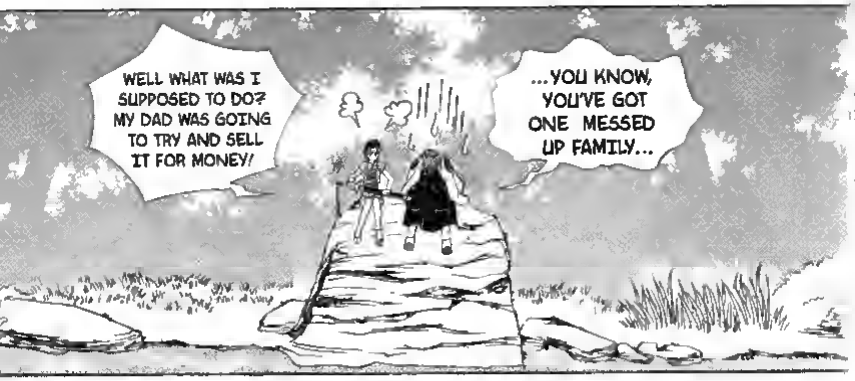


GROSS!

DO... DO YOU WANT SOME FOOD?

WHOA~ THIS STUFF'S GREAT~
♡
ACTUALLY I'M ON A JOURNEY RIGHT NOW, AND THE THING IS I LEFT SO SUDDENLY THAT I FORGOT TO BRING A LUNCHBOX SO I'VE BEEN STARVING~
Um, you don't normally carry around lunchboxes just because you leave home do you?
!
ISN'T THAT..!
IT'S OUR FAMILY HEIRLOOM ALTHOUGH MY FATHER'S A MERCHANT, OUR FAMILY WAS ORIGINALLY A WARRIOR HOUSEHOLD.
THEY SAY THAT THIS SWORD CAN CUT EVERYTHING BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IT ALSO CAN'T CUT ANYTHING. STRANGE ISN'T IT? AND NO ONE KNOWS WHERE IT ORIGINALLY CAME FROM
AND FORM THE LOOKS OF IT,
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE FROM A RICH FAMILY. WHY ARE YOU ON THIS TRIP?
SLIDE
CLASP
IT'S BECAUSE OF THIS...
THE BLADE'S RUSTED AND THE SWORD ITSELF IS REALLY WORN OUT BUT STILL, I THINK IT'S BEAUTIFUL DON'T YOU AGREE? I'VE WANTED THIS FOR MYSELF EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD.

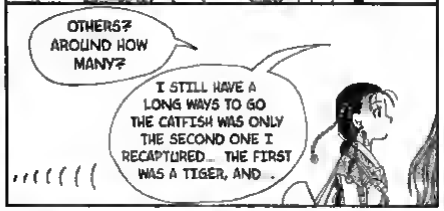
WAIT A SEC. . SO JUST BECAUSE YOU WANTED IT..
YOU STOLE YOUR FAMILY HEIRLOOM AND RAN AWAY FROM HOME?

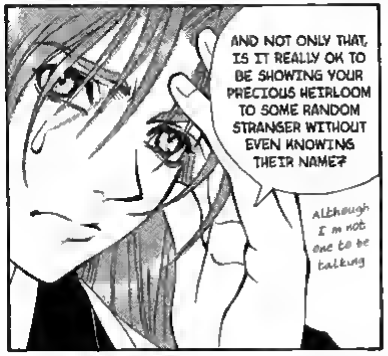

WELL WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO? MY DAD WAS GOING TO TRY AND SELL IT FOR MONEY!
...YOU KNOW, YOU'VE GOT ONE MESSED UP FAMILY...

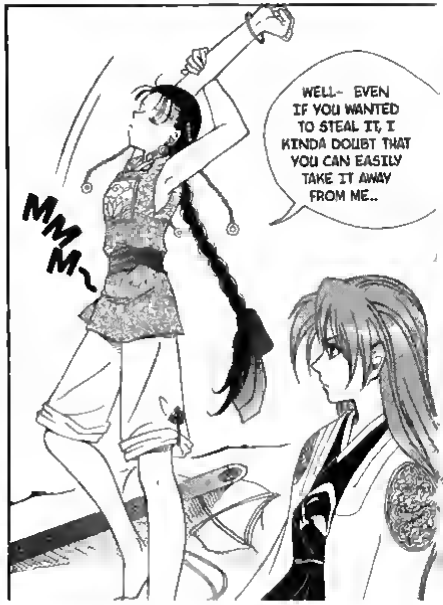
...BUT WHO KNOWS? IF I FELL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE, I MIGHT JUST GIVE IT TO THAT PERSON~
♡
Maybe it'll be you?

SURE, WHATEVER. BYE.
HEY, YOU! WAIT!
Don't ignore me!
Yeah right

SO WHERE ARE YOU HEADED NOW? BACK TO THE HEAVENS?
NO, THERE'S STILL SOME OTHERS I NEED TO CAPTURE BEFORE GOING BACK.

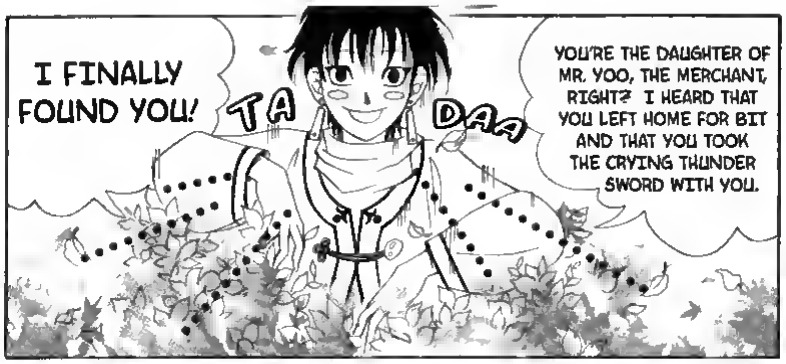

OTHERS? AROUND HOW MANY?
I STILL HAVE A LONG WAYS TO GO THE CATFISH WAS ONLY THE SECOND ONE I RECAPTURED... THE FIRST WAS A TIGER, AND . . .


AND NOT ONLY THAT, IS IT REALLY OK TO BE SHOWING YOUR PRECIOUS HEIRLOOM TO SOME RANDOM STRANGER WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING THEIR NAME?
Although I'm not one to be talking


MMM~
WELL~ EVEN IF YOU WANTED TO STEAL IT, I KINDA DOUBT THAT YOU CAN EASILY TAKE IT AWAY FROM ME..

HI MY NAME'S EYUN YOO. WHAT'S YOURS?
IT'S A LITTLE LATE FOR THAT NOW!

RUSTLE
...WAIT A SECOND! WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?!
OH COME ON. JUST THINK OF ME AS SOMEONE TO TALK TO~

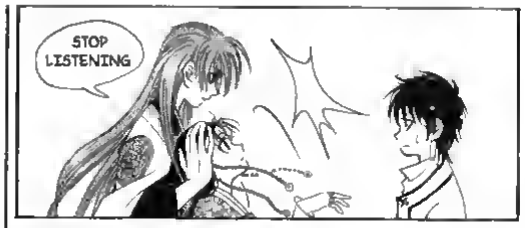

I FINALLY FOUND YOU!
TA DAA
YOU'RE THE DAUGHTER OF MR. YOO, THE MERCHANT, RIGHT? I HEARD THAT YOU LEFT HOME FOR BIT AND THAT YOU TOOK THE CRYING THUNDER SWORD WITH YOU.

IS HE SOMEONE YOU KNOW?
Talk about stubborn.
HE'S THE ONE WHO TRIED TO BUY THE SWORD OFF MY DAD FOR A LOT OF MONEY.

IT'S TOO BAD FOR YOU BUT I'M NOT GOING TO SELL IT.
OH DON'T BE LIKE THAT~

COME LITTLE LADY, I KNOW YOU WANT TO SELL IT~
I NEED THAT SWORD MUCH MORE THAN YOU DO
SO IF YOU DON T HAND THE SWORD OVER TO ME,
THE HEAVENS MIGHT PUNISH YOU AND YOU LL RUN INTO A STREAK OF BAD LUCK

AA...


STOP LISTENING

HE'S TRYING TO HYPNOTIZE YOU HE HAD A CHARM SPELL CAST ON HIS VOICE.
It's one of the most basic spells. I can't believe you almost fell for it...
IF YOU CAN CAST A SPELL IN THAT MANNER...

YOU'RE,
DEFINITELY NOT HUMAN.

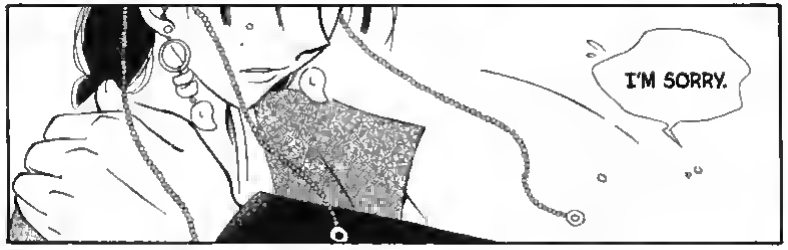
HMP!

YOU SHOULD BOTH HAVE FALLEN FOR MY SPELL, NOW I'M GOING TO HAVE TO HURT YOU!!

DOOOM

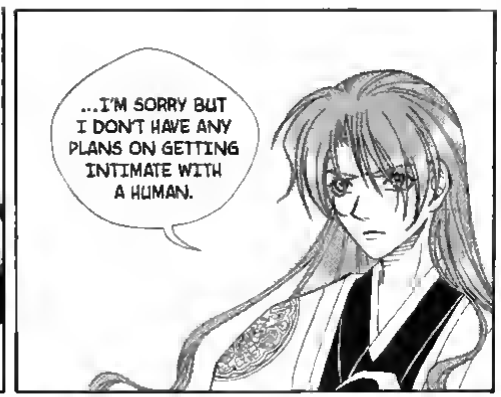
UWAA! I'M SORRY, PLEASE DON'T HURT ME! I'M JUST A POOR FOX SPIRIT, PLEASE SPARE ME!!
YELP, YELP!

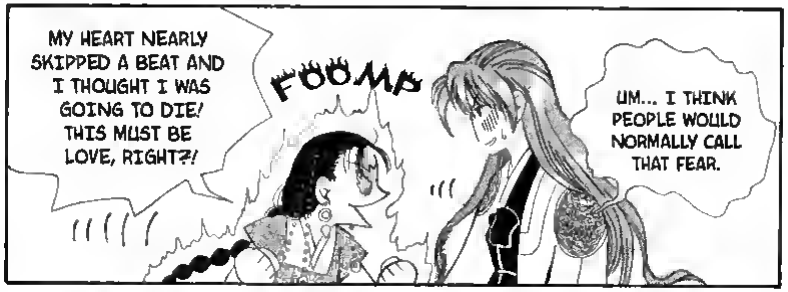
OH...
SHAKE
SHAKE


I'M SORRY.

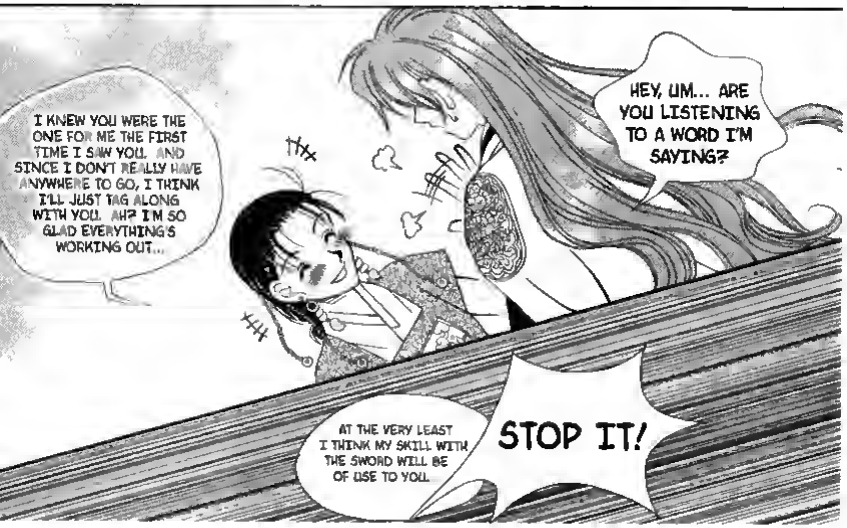
I'M ACTUALLY THE SPIRIT OF A DRAGON. MY POWERS ARE SO GREAT THAT MY AURA ALONE CAN KILL HUMANS SO I NORMALLY HIDE IT. I WAS ONLY PLANNING ON SCARING THAT FOX SPIRIT AWAY...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

YOU'RE SUCH A HUNK, YOU'RE THE BEST!


...I'M SORRY BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY PLANS ON GETTING INTIMATE WITH A HUMAN.


MY HEART NEARLY SKIPPED A BEAT AND I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE! THIS MUST BE LOVE, RIGHT?!
FOOMP
UM... I THINK PEOPLE WOULD NORMALLY CALL THAT FEAR.

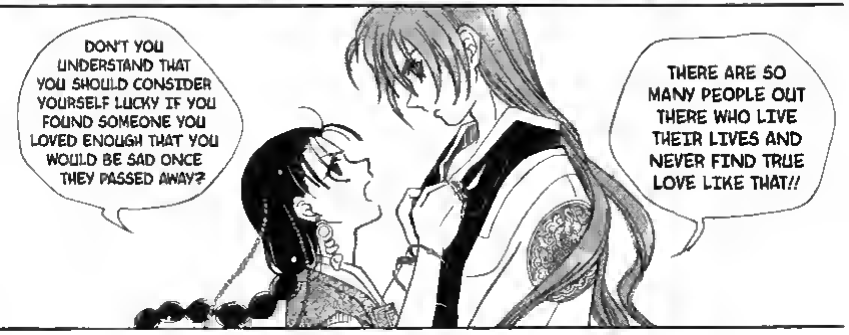
HUMAN LIFE SPANS ARE SO SHORT, WE'D ONLY BE TOGETHER FOR A SHORT TIME... AND THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD LAST IS THE PAIN AFTERWARDS.
A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US WOULD ONLY TURN INTO A SAD ONE.


I KNEW YOU WERE THE ONE FOR ME THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU. AND SINCE I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO, I THINK I'LL JUST TAG ALONG WITH YOU. AH? I'M SO GLAD EVERYTHING'S WORKING OUT...
HEY, UM... ARE YOU LISTENING TO A WORD I'M SAYING?
AT THE VERY LEAST I THINK MY SKILL WITH THE SWORD WILL BE OF USE TO YOU.
STOP IT!

WHY...

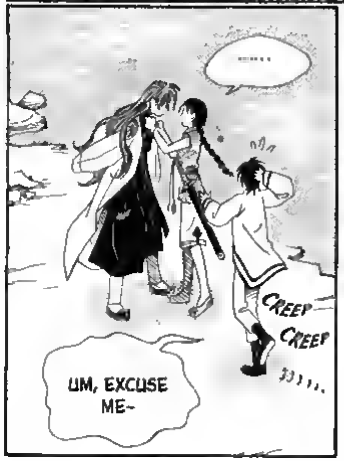
GRAB

WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE LOVE SOUND SO LOGICAL?
IT'LL BE PAINFUL AFTERWARDS? ISN'T THAT ONLY OBVIOUS?! DID YOU THINK THAT YOU'LL BE CHEERFUL SOON AFTER YOUR LOVER DIES?!

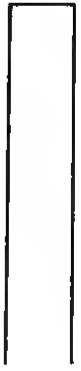

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER YOURSELF LUCKY IF YOU FOUND SOMEONE YOU LOVED ENOUGH THAT YOU WOULD BE SAD ONCE THEY PASSED AWAY?
THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO LIVE THEIR LIVES AND NEVER FIND TRUE LOVE LIKE THAT!!

I'LL MAKE SURE THAT ONCE I'VE DIED, MY UNYIELDING GRASP OVER YOUR HEART WILL MAKE YOU WANT TO KILL YOURSELF JUST SO THAT YOU COULD BE WITH ME IN THE AFTERLIFE. YOU CAN COUNT ON IT.

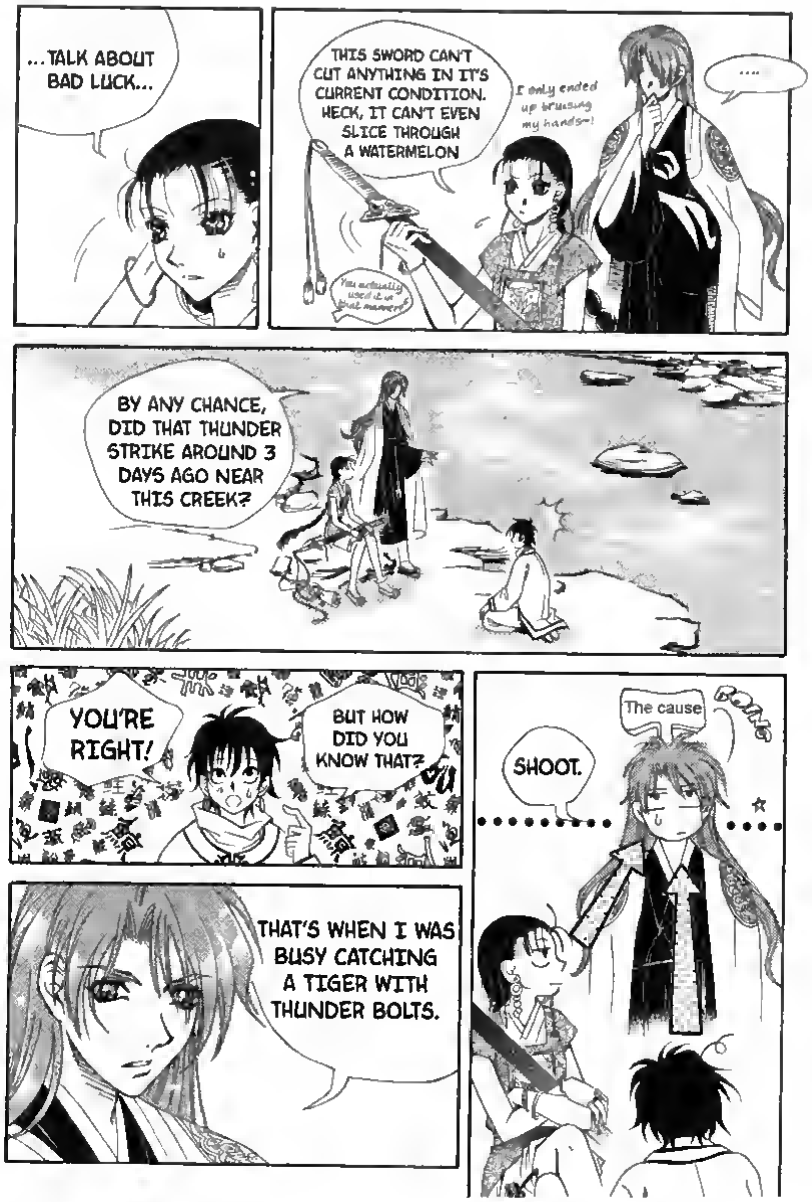
...UM~

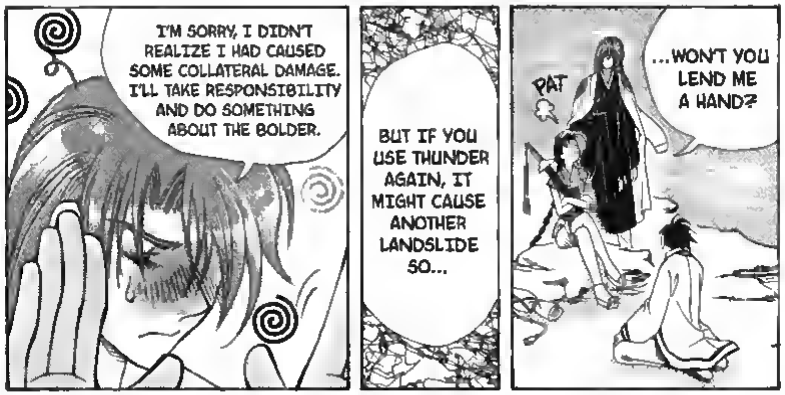

.....
CREEP
CREEP
UM, EXCUSE ME~

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO GO AND BREAK THE MOOD YOU JERK?!!
ROAR!!
Foot of Anger
I m sorry, please v, don t harm me! v



MY WIFE AND I WERE HUMBLE FOXES MERELY TRAINING IN THE MOUNTAINS.
WE LIVED A QUIET YET PLEASANT LIFE
BUT ONE DAY
A THUNDER BOLT STRUCK THE EARTH OUT OF THE BLUE ON A CLEAR DAY!
AND BECAUSE OF THE THUNDER BOLT A LANDSLIDE OCCURRED AND IT CAUSED A BOLDER TO BLOCK THE ENTRANCE TO OUR NEST.
I WAS LUCKY TO BE ON AN OUTING AT THE TIME BUT MY WIFE GOT TRAPPED WITHIN OUR NEST.
EVEN IF YOU WON'T SELL ME THAT SWORD, PLEASE LET ME BORROW IT AT LEAST...
I'M CERTAIN THAT THAT CRYING THUNDER SWORD CAN CUT THROUGH THE BOLDER BLOCKING THE ENTRANCE TO OUR NEST.

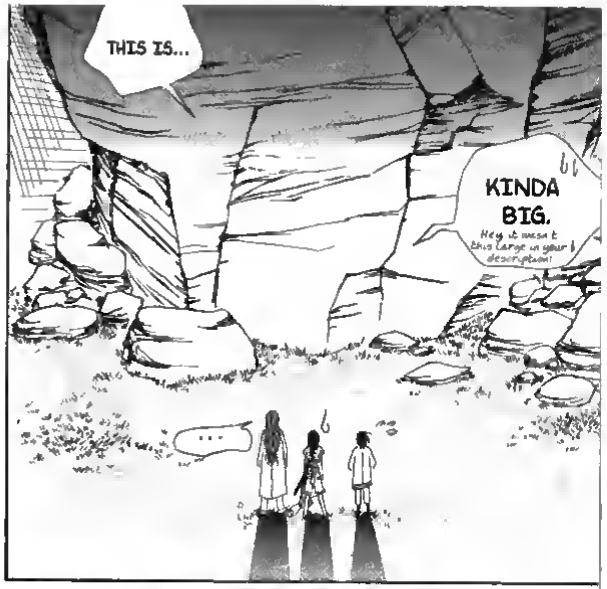

...TALK ABOUT BAD LUCK...
THIS SWORD CAN'T CUT ANYTHING IN IT'S CURRENT CONDITION. HECK, IT CAN'T EVEN SLICE THROUGH A WATERMELON
I only ended up bruising my hands=(
....
You actually used it as that, master?
BY ANY CHANCE, DID THAT THUNDER STRIKE AROUND 3 DAYS AGO NEAR THIS CREEK?
YOU'RE RIGHT!
BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?
THAT'S WHEN I WAS BUSY CATCHING A TIGER WITH THUNDER BOLTS.
The cause
SHOOT.

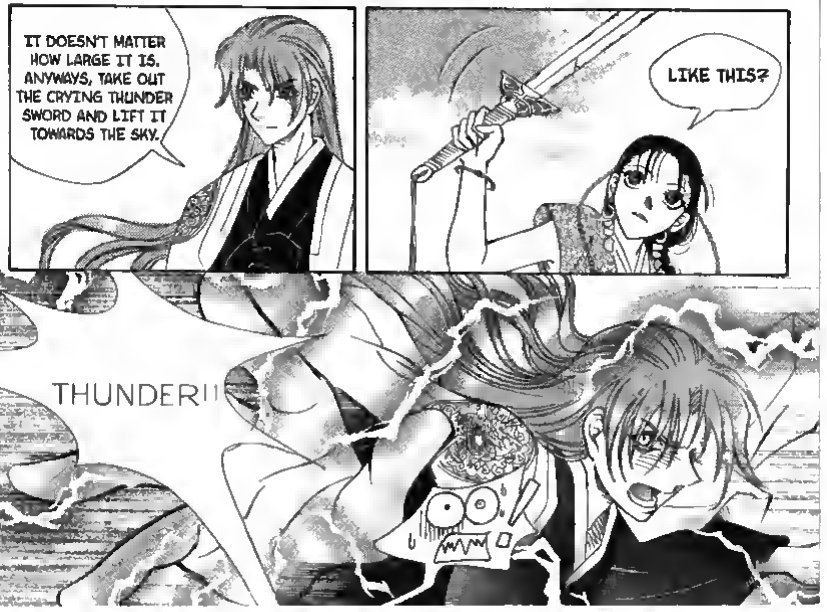

I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T REALIZE I HAD CAUSED SOME COLLATERAL DAMAGE. I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE BOLDER.
BUT IF YOU USE THUNDER AGAIN, IT MIGHT CAUSE ANOTHER LANDSLIDE SO...
PAT
...WON'T YOU LEND ME A HAND?

SURE

ALTHOUGH I'M NOT SURE IF YOU REALLY CAN HELP YET...
?

UM...


THIS IS...
KINDA BIG.
Hey, it wasn't this large in your description!


IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW LARGE IT IS. ANYWAYS, TAKE OUT THE CRYING THUNDER SWORD AND LIFT IT TOWARDS THE SKY.
LIKE THIS?
THUNDER!!!

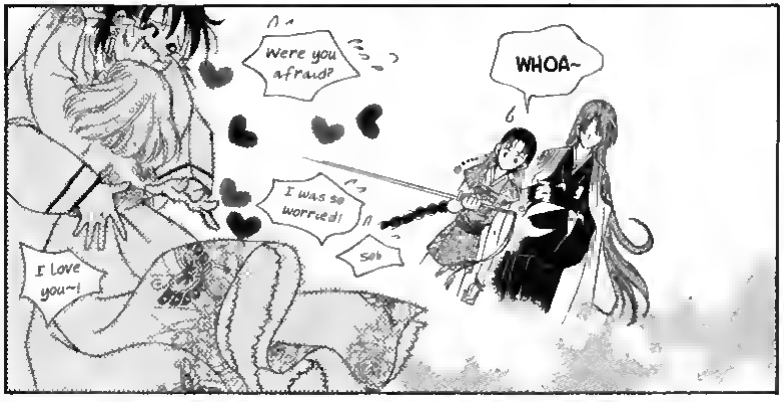
CRASH
KYAA!
HUH? WHAT'S GOING ON?
I'M ALRIGHT... AND THE SWORD COMPLETELY ABSORBED THE THUNDER!

THE CRYING THUNDER SWORD HAS ACKNOWLEDGED YOU AS ITS TRUE OWNER.
NOW, YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CUT ANYTHING WITH THAT SWORD.

INTERESTING..
WHOOSH
GIYAP!
SSSSSSHH
CRACK
CRACK

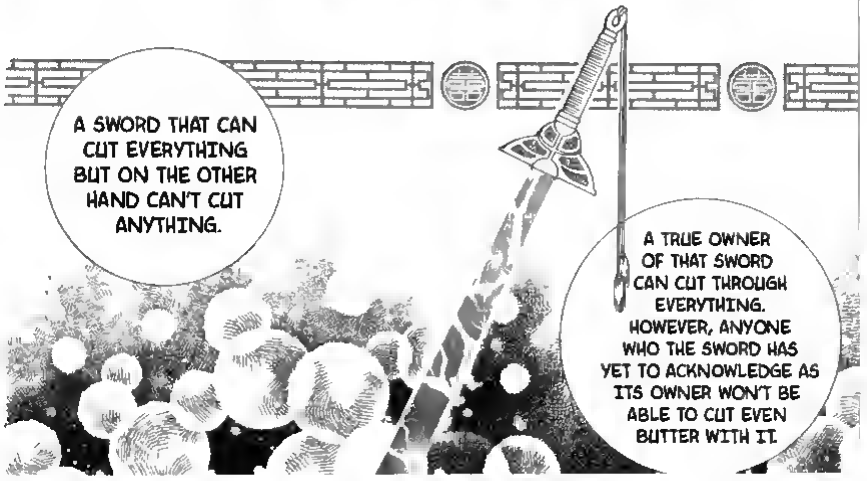
TUMBLE
TUMBLE

HONEY!
DEAR!


Were you afraid?
WHOA~
I was so worried!
I Love you~!

WHAT'S GOING ON? HOW WAS I ABLE TO USE A SWORD I HARDLY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT..?
I'M A DRAGON WHO CAN SUMMON THUNDER.
I'M ALSO THE CREATOR OF THAT CRYING THUNDER SWORD, A SWORD WHICH CAN CONSUME THUNDER.

WHAT?!

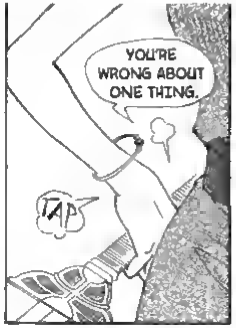

A SWORD THAT CAN CUT EVERYTHING BUT ON THE OTHER HAND CAN'T CUT ANYTHING.
A TRUE OWNER OF THAT SWORD CAN CUT THROUGH EVERYTHING. HOWEVER, ANYONE WHO THE SWORD HAS YET TO ACKNOWLEDGE AS ITS OWNER WON'T BE ABLE TO CUT EVEN BUTTER WITH IT.

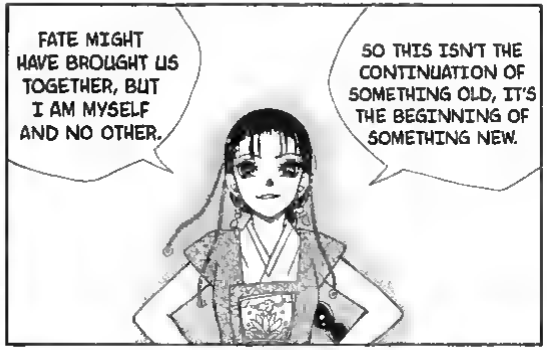
ALTHOUGH IT DOES HAVE THE WEAKNESS OF NEEDING THUNDER TO REJUVENATE ITSELF, IT'S A VERY USEFUL SWORD.

THERE WAS ONCE A WOMAN I WAS VERY INTIMATE WITH...
SHE WAS ONE OF YOUR ANCESTORS AND I HAD GIVEN HER THAT SWORD AS A SIGN OF MY LOVE.

HAVE YOU RETURNED TO ME IN THIS NEW REINCARNATION, MY LOVE?
THIS FAR INTO MY JOURNEY OF LONELINESS .. WHEN I'VE FINALLY LEARNED TO FORGET THE PAIN OF YOUR LOSS...

YOU REKINDLE THE FLAME OF A FORGOTTEN LOVE...


YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT ONE THING.
TAP

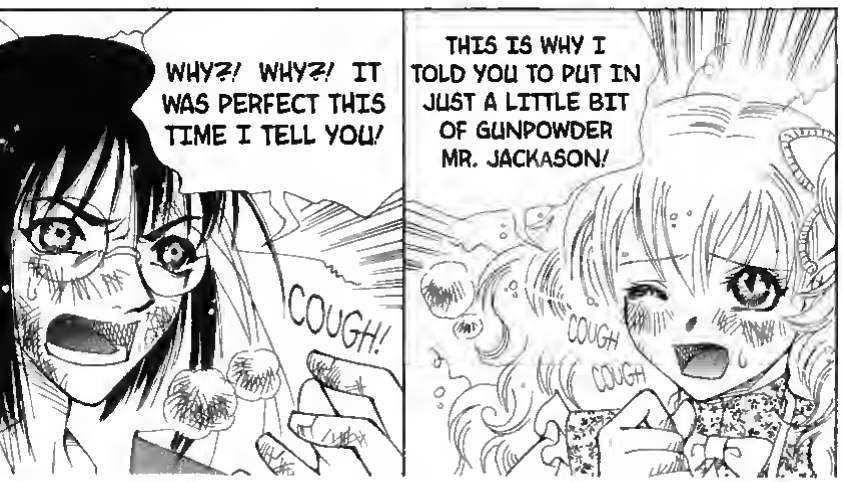

FATE MIGHT HAVE BROUGHT US TOGETHER, BUT I AM MYSELF AND NO OTHER.
SO THIS ISN'T THE CONTINUATION OF SOMETHING OLD, IT'S THE BEGINNING OF SOMETHING NEW.

YOU SHOULD ALWAYS HOLD DEAR THOSE CHERISHED MEMORIES FROM THE PAST, BUT MY TASK IS TO HELP YOU CREATE NEW MEMORIES YOU CAN CHERISH.

SMILE
...YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING ELSE, YOU KNOW THAT?

A Magician's Proposal

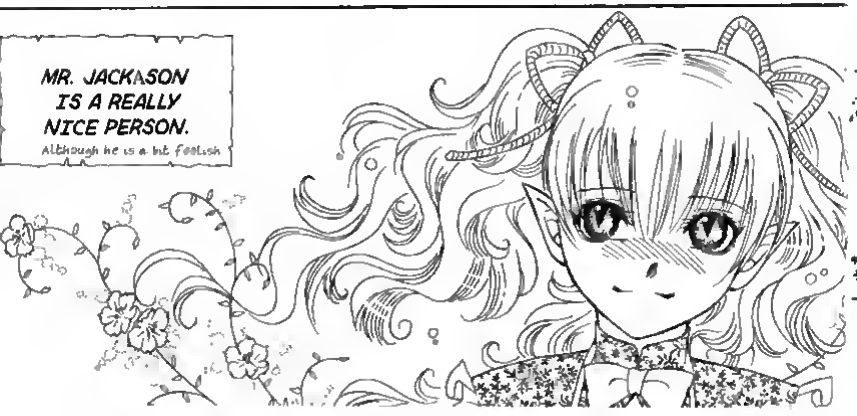
KABOOM!!!
CHATTER
ARE THEY AT IT AGAIN?
CHATTER
CAUSING TROUBLE ON SUCH A NICE DAY.
CHATTER

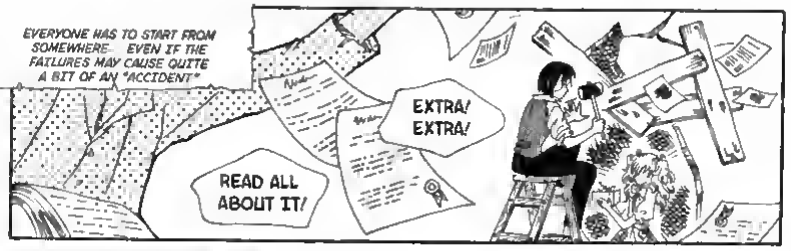

WHY?! WHY?! IT WAS PERFECT THIS TIME I TELL YOU!
COUGH!
THIS IS WHY I TOLD YOU TO PUT IN JUST A LITTLE BIT OF GUNPOWDER MR. JACKASON!
COUGH
COUGH

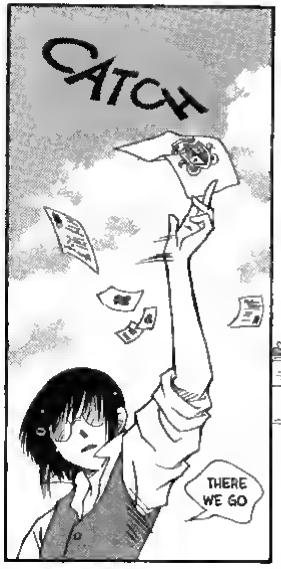
THIS IS ALL PART OF OUR MAGIC TRAINING!
BUT NONE OF THIS HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH MAGIC!!

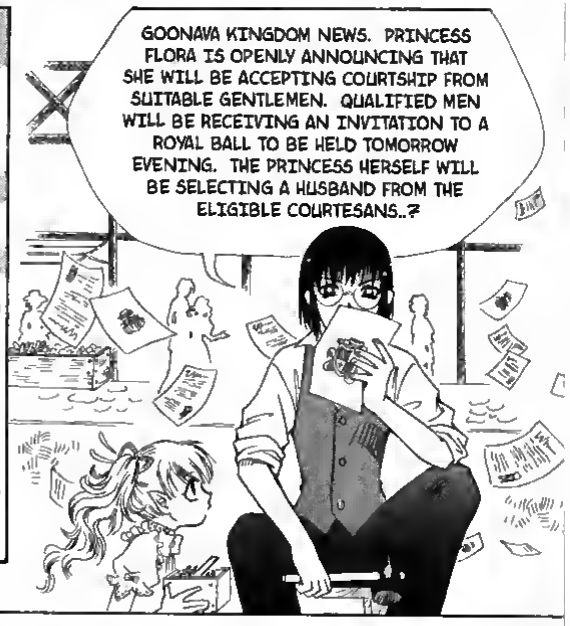
Geeze, he broke all the flasks again !
MY NAME IS WENDY AND I'M ACTUALLY A MAGICAL FAIRY THAT MR JACKASON SUMMONED.
Imagination
AS FOR MR. JACKASON, HE'S A MAGICIAN.
BRUSH
BUT IF YOU ASK ME, HE'S MORE LIKE A CON ARTIST WHO PRETENDS TO BE ABLE TO DO MAGIC...
Reality
Wendy You're a fairy right? Do something about this! At this rate I won't be able to pay rent again like last month--!
.....
Uuuuu--!

BUT WHAT CAN I DO? HE'S THE ONE WHO SUMMONED ME..
Is it that serious? Please try to cheer up
It's going to cost a fortune to repair all this.
SO HE'S MY ONE AND ONLY MASTER.




EVERYONE HAS TO START FROM SOMEWHERE. EVEN IF THE FAILURES MAY CAUSE QUITE A BIT OF AN "ACCIDENT"
EXTRA! EXTRA!
READ ALL ABOUT IT!




GOONAVA KINGDOM NEWS. PRINCESS FLORA IS OPENLY ANNOUNCING THAT SHE WILL BE ACCEPTING COURTSHIP FROM SUITABLE GENTLEMEN. QUALIFIED MEN WILL BE RECEIVING AN INVITATION TO A ROYAL BALL TO BE HELD TOMORROW EVENING. THE PRINCESS HERSELF WILL BE SELECTING A HUSBAND FROM THE ELIGIBLE COURTESANS..?

I'M POOR + THE PRINCESS IS RICH + THE PRINCESS IS LOOKING FOR HUSBAND + I'M SINGLE + WIFE'S MONEY = HUSBAND'S MONEY

THIS IS IT! REJOICE PRINCESS FLORA, FOR I SHALL MARRY YOU!
WHAT?!
SI... SIMOUS JACKASON, WHAT YOU'RE DOING ISN'T RIGHT!
GET READY WENDY, THIS IS AN ORDER.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU CAN'T MARRY SOMEONE ON A FALSE PRETEXT! NOT ONLY DO YOU NOT HAVE MONEY AND FAMILY, YOU'LL NEVER RECEIVE AN INVITATION. YOU CAN'T SIMPLY...
I DON'T WANT THIS TO HAPPEN...
YES, MR. JACKASON...
GETTING MARRIED ISN'T THE MOST DIFFICULT THING IN THE WORLD. SO DON'T WORRY, IT'LL WORK OUT.
AND BESIDES, WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT BECOMING A RICH HUSBAND? I'LL EVEN BE ABLE TO BUY YOU LOTS OF TASTY THINGS.
Too flabbergasted to speak
I REALLY DON'T WANT THIS TO HAPPEN...

RUSTLE
HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF A WAY TO GET IN?
OF COURSE~ I'LL BE USING THIS HANDY POTION!
POP

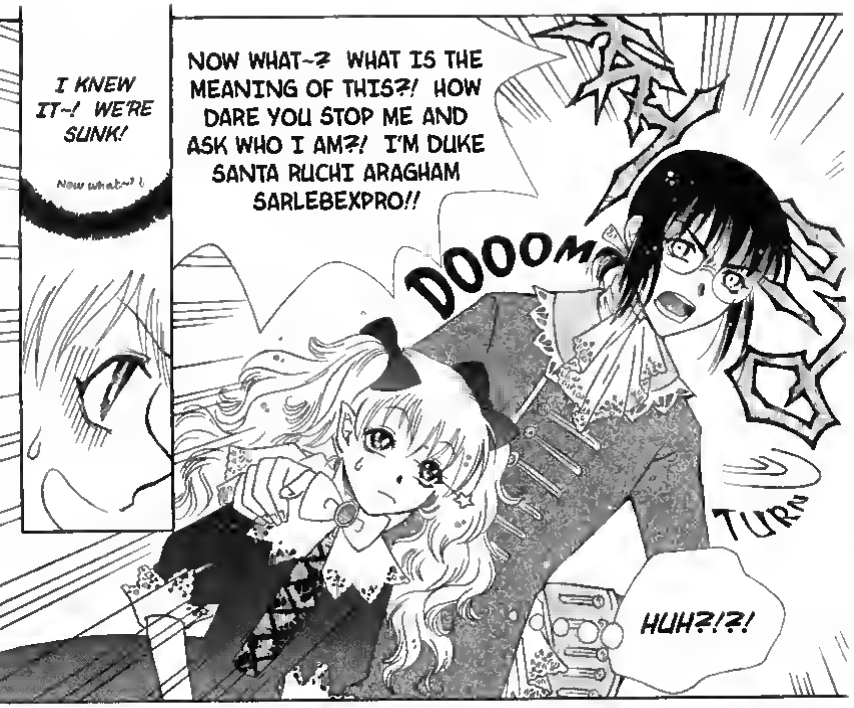
SNORT
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THESE HORSES?!
WHINE
WHINE
SHRIEK!
WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN..?!

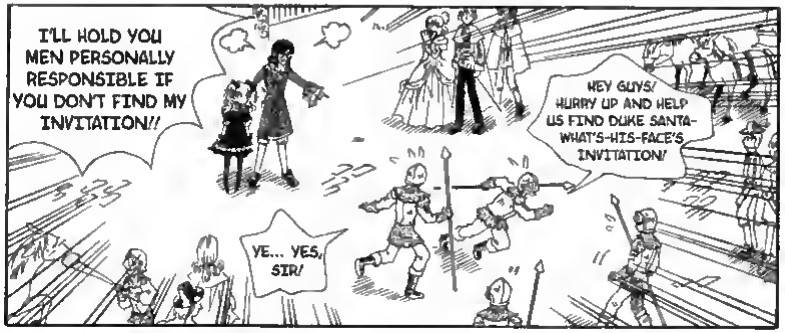
MR. JACKASON! ISN'T THIS..?

THAT'S RIGHT~ IT'S FRAGRANCE THAT SEXUALLY AROUSES HORSES.

WHINE
stop that horse~!
AS FOR US, WE'LL BE USING THIS CHAOS TO SNEAK IN, GO GO GO!
Oh my god
THERE'S SOMETHING REALLY WRONG WITH THIS...
SNORT

HEY, WHO ARE YOU? ARE YOU ONE OF THE INVITEES? WHERE IS YOUR INVITATION CARD?
TAP


I KNEW IT~! WE'RE SUNK!
Now what~?
NOW WHAT~? WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?! HOW DARE YOU STOP ME AND ASK WHO I AM?! I'M DUKE SANTA RUCHI ARAGHAM SARLEBEXPRO!!
DOOOM
TURN
HUH?!?!


I'LL HOLD YOU MEN PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE IF YOU DON'T FIND MY INVITATION!!
HEY GUYS! HURRY UP AND HELP US FIND DUKE SANTA- WHAT'S-HIS-FACE'S INVITATION!
YE... YES, SIR!

NOW THEN~ HOW DID YOU LIKE THAT? SIMPLE RIGHT?
Stage 1 Cleared!
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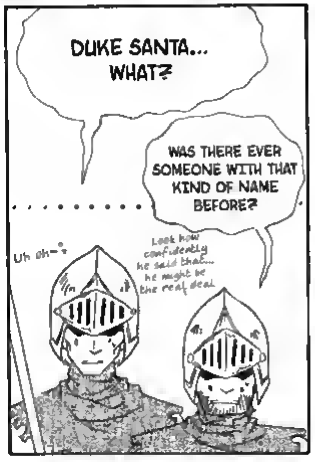
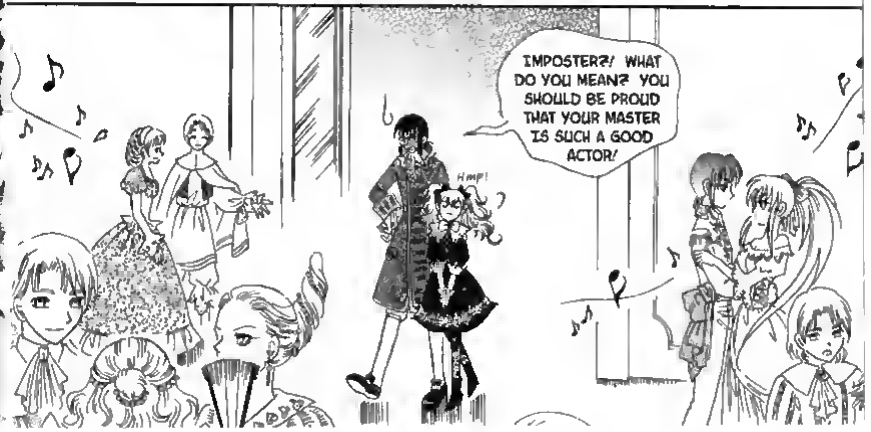
IMPOSTER!


DUKE SANTA... WHAT?
WAS THERE EVER SOMEONE WITH THAT KIND OF NAME BEFORE?
Uh oh~*
Look how confidently he said that... he might be the real deal

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU MEN CAN'T EVEN CONTROL YOUR OWN HORSES! I'VE EVEN LOST MY INVITATION CARD BECAUSE OF ALL THIS COMMOTION!


IMPOSTER?! WHAT DO YOU MEAN? YOU SHOULD BE PROUD THAT YOUR MASTER IS SUCH A GOOD ACTOR!
Hmp!

BARHM BARHM

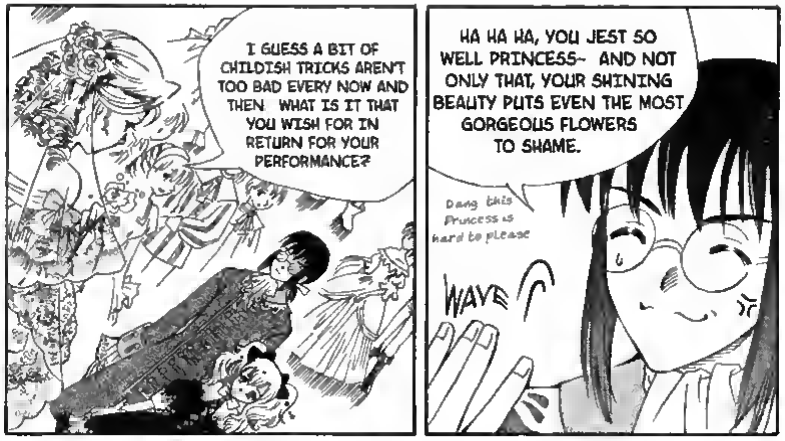
PRINCESS FLORA HAS ENTERED THE ROOM~!
WOW
AH~

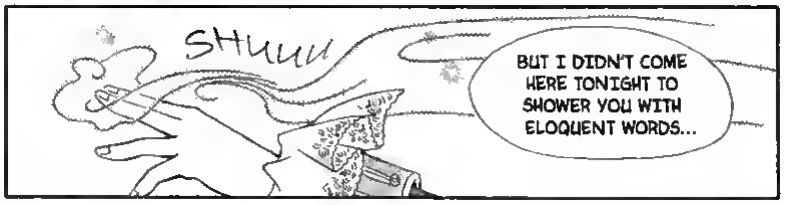
IT LOOKS LIKE SHE ARRIVED JUST IN TIME FOR ME. ARE YOU READY WENDY?
YES MR. JACKASON.
FLIP

CANA-OBS

HM?
WHAT IS THIS FRAGRANCE?
WHERE IS THIS SCENT COMING FROM?
FLUTTER

SSSSHH


I GUESS A BIT OF CHILDISH TRICKS AREN'T TOO BAD EVERY NOW AND THEN. WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WISH FOR IN RETURN FOR YOUR PERFORMANCE?
HA HA HA, YOU JEST SO WELL PRINCESS~ AND NOT ONLY THAT, YOUR SHINING BEAUTY PUTS EVEN THE MOST GORGEOUS FLOWERS TO SHAME.
Dang this Princess is hard to please
WAVE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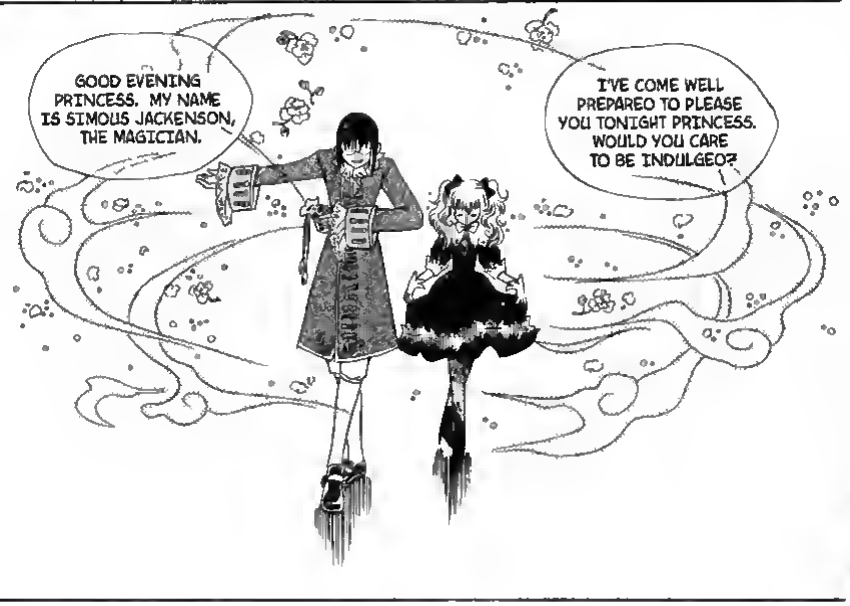
BUT I DIDN'T COME HERE TONIGHT TO SHOWER YOU WITH ELOQUENT WORDS...


GOOD EVENING PRINCESS. MY NAME IS SIMOUS JACKENSON, THE MAGICIAN.
I'VE COME WELL PREPAREO TO PLEASE YOU TONIGHT PRINCESS. WOULD YOU CARE TO BE INDULGEO?

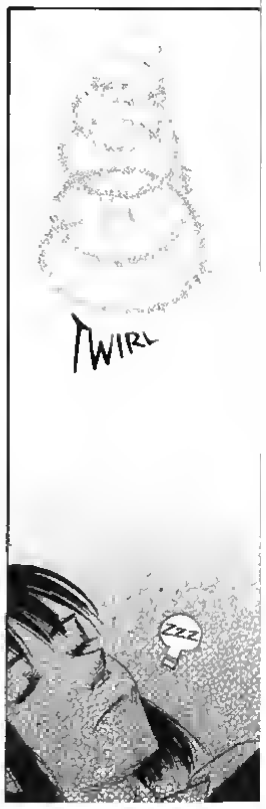
I'VE COME TO SHOWER YOU, MY PRINCESS
WITH ALL THE EMOTIONS OF LOVE I HAVE FOR YOU.

SSSSSSHH
SMIRK
HE MUST BE CRAZY.
WHAT IS HE UP TO?
I THINK HE'S ON CRACK.
...HUH?
HOW DARE YOU TRY TO MAKE A FOOL OF ME?! GUARDS! ARREST THIS CLOWN!
CLANG
HOLD... HOLD ON A MINUTE~
I THINK THERE'S BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING~
THAT BIRD...
SO THIS RETARDED LOOKING CHICKEN... IS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT ME IS IT?!
RUB
RUB
GASP
SQUEEE
OUCH! THAT HURTS~!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING TO WENDY?!
BOOOM
SO-MA!
SIMOUS..!
SASOB HIXKA
WENDY, RUN!

WHOMP
YOU MENACE!
JUST LIKE I THOUGHT, YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO CAREFUL AROUND MAGICIANS, HMP!
CLOBBER
TUG
PUT HIM AWAY, AND MAKE SURE THAT HE GETS THE WORST OF THE DUNGEONS BELOW THE CASTLE!
WENDY!
TING

IN ANY CASE, I WAS ABLE TO CAST THE TRANSPORTATION SPELL ON HER JUST IN TIME...
BUT I WONDER IF SHE WAS ABLE TO GET AWAY SAFELY..?
WENDY...



SIMOUS JACKASON!

WHAT YOU'RE DOING ISN'T RIGHT!

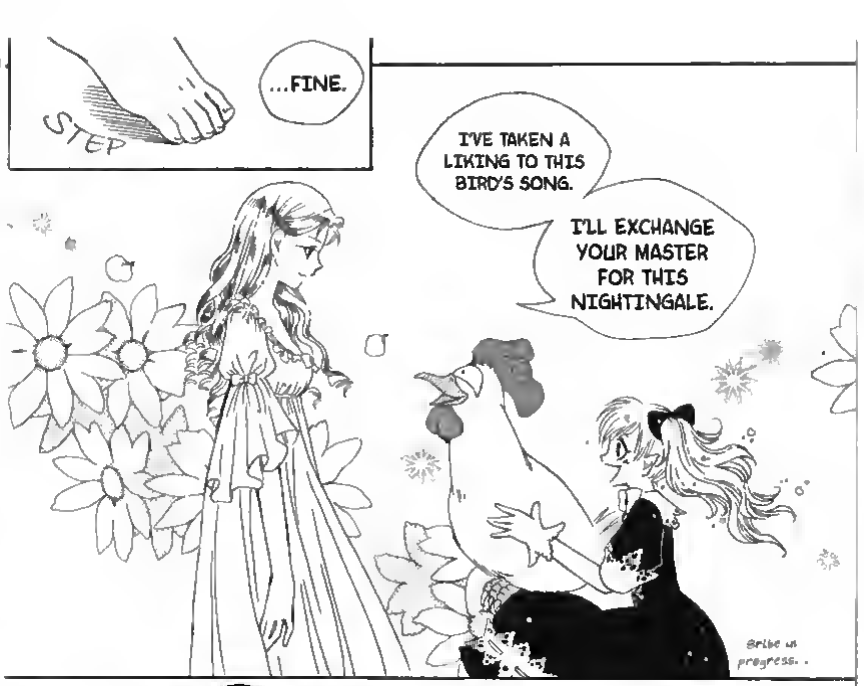
POOF
TAO
MR. JACKASON?
ARE YOU ASLEEP?
YOU'RE SUCH A FOOLISH PERSON, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT I'M A MAGICAL FAIRY? I CAN EASILY TAKE CARE OF MYSELF...
IF YOU HAD THE TIME TO CAST THE TRANSPORTATION SPELL ON SOMEONE, YOU SHOULD HAVE USED IT ON YOURSELF FIRST.
BUT STILL...
SNUG
SNUG
THE TRUTH IS I'M HAPPY YOU THOUGHT OF ME FIRST.
I'M SORRY SIMOUS... YOU SEE, I COULD HAVE HELPED YOU MORE, BUT FAIRIES ARE VERY SELFISH.

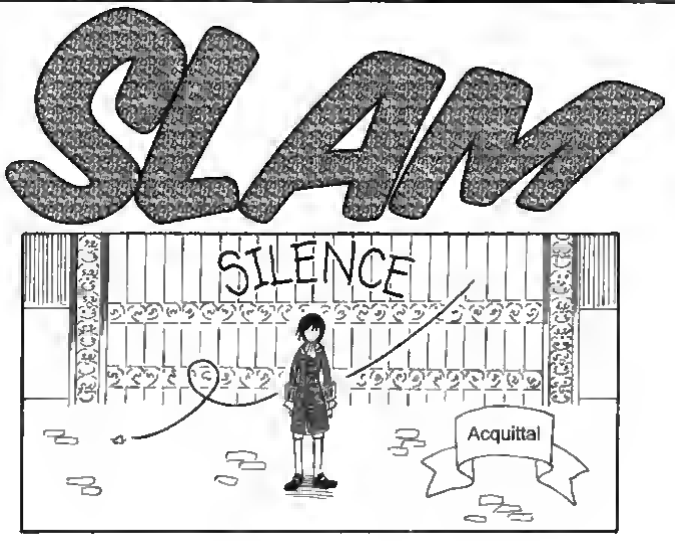
BUT DON'T WORRY, I'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE IN NO TIME.
TWINKLE
MMM... SOMEONE, TURN OFF THE LIGHTS...
TURN
...CESS...
PRINCESS...

PRINCESS FLORA,
PLEASE WAKE UP.
GUARDS!
PLEASE WAIT!
I'M ACTUALLY A FAIRY AND I DON'T HAVE ANY BAD INTENTIONS SO PLEASE HEAR ME OUT.
Fine... but did you bring that polar bear I asked you to? Chicken with you?
SPRING
I'M HERE TO CLEAR UP THE MISUNDERSTANDING THAT OCCURRED.

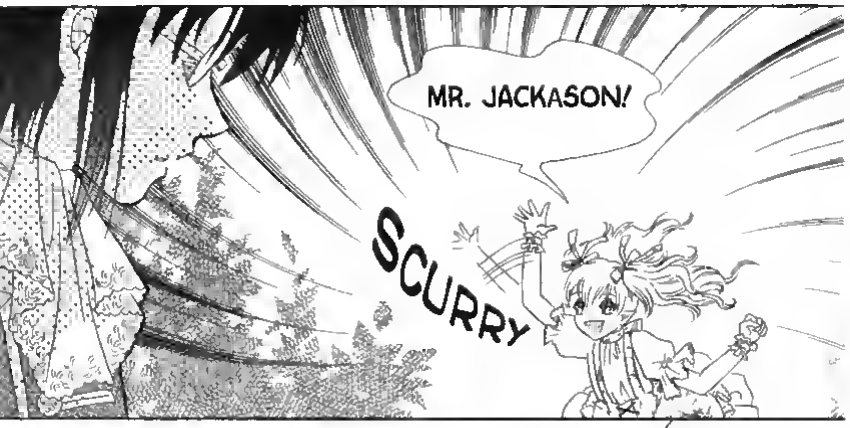
WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS BIRD IS?
IT'S JUST A DUMB CHICKEN ISN'T IT?!
YOU'RE WAY OFF PRINCESS~
ZIP
NOP
GREAT TIMING~
THE SUN'S JUST STARTING TO RISE!
HM? THIS SOUND..!
IT'S ASTOUNDING...
I'VE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING SO BEAUTIFUL BEFORE!
...BUT THE VISUAL'S A BIT...

PRINCESS, YOU MUSTN'T JUDGE THINGS BY THEIR APPEARANCE.
THIS BIRD IS A VERY VALUABLE TYPE OF NIGHTINGALE THAT MR. JACKASON SUMMONED WITH YOU MIND.
SO PLEASE, WON'T YOU RELEASE MY MASTER?


STEP
...FINE.
I'VE TAKEN A LIKING TO THIS BIRD'S SONG.
I'LL EXCHANGE YOUR MASTER FOR THIS NIGHTINGALE.
Bribe in progress...


SLAM
SILENCE
Acquittal

WHAT THE HECK? WHY DID THEY RELEASE ME AFTER JUST ONE NIGHT..?
?


MR. JACKASON!
SCURRY

WENDY! SO YOU DID MAKE IT OUT SAFELY!
YOU TOO MR JACKASON-!
I'M NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENED, BUT IT'S ALL SO STRANGE. FIRST OF ALL, WHAT WAS WRONG WITH MY MAGIC? WHY DID A CHICKEN POP UP INSTEAD OF A NIGHTINGALE? SECOND, WHY DID THEY RELEASE ME SO EASILY AND THIRD, WHEN I WOKE UP THIS MORNING, I HAD MY GLASSES ON WHICH I DROPPED DURING ALL THE COMMOTION LAST NIGHT
? ? ?

I'M SORRY MR. JACKASON...

HUH? SORRY ABOUT WHAT?
OH- NOTHING.

YOU SEE, I'M THE ONE WHO TAMPERED WITH YOUR MAGICAL RECIPE...
INSTEAD OF A GOLDEN FEATHER, I SWAPPED IT WITH A CHICKEN'S FEATHER-!

THE TRUTH IS SIMOUS,

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU TO ANYONE!
Hey Jackenson~!
When we get home, won't you make me some Lemon tarts~?
ONE SHOULD NEVER FORGET. FAIRIES ARE VERY SELFISH AND THAT WE'D DO ANYTHING TO GET WHAT WE WANT.

Meanwhile, Mr. Jackason, who still hasn't learned his lesson. .
LOOK WENDY! IT SAYS HERE THAT A WIDOW OF A RICH BARON IS ACCEPTING COURTSHIP FOR MARRIAGE PROPOSALS!
Huh?

A Magician's Proposal - The End

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MY FIRST EVER BOOK!

I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU PURCHASING THIS BOOK. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN.

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I WONDER WHICH IT'LL BE .. A NIECE? OR A NEPHEW? I THINK I'LL MAKE A CUTE LITTLE SITTING CUSHION FOR THE BABY! SHOULD I MAKE IT BLUE OR PINK?
Confidently without a doubt in her mind
PINK.
FLAP
FLAP
My older sister

PINK IS PRETTIER AND A MOM GETS TO DO WHATEVER SHE WANTS!
FOR SOME REASON, I GET THE FEELING THAT EVEN IF SHE HAS A BOY, SHE'LL STILL MAKE HIM WEAR DRESSES UNTIL THE AGE OF 5...
O HO HO HO HO

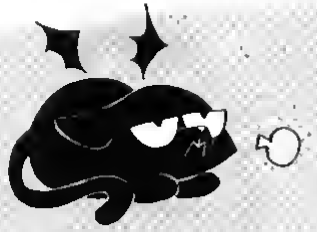
IN ANY CASE, I'M SO HAPPY THAT MY SISTER'S HAVING A CHILD... ESPECIALLY SINCE MY FIRST BOOK WILL BE OUT BEFORE THE BABY'S BORN THIS WAY MY NIECE OR NEPHEW CAN BRAG TO THE WORLD, "MY AUNT HAS WRITTEN A BOOK!" AH~ I CAN'T WAIT... HA HA HA~
A-DUUUUH~~

The Missing White Dragon

This was the work I debuted with. "I'll draw however I feel like it~!" was my policy when I worked on this title. And because I didn't have too much expectation on how it would turn out, I was completely surprised when it won an award towards the end of its run. And actually, this short story is my favorite out of all the shorts stories but I've overheard people say that the title, "The Missing White Dragon" isn't exactly the best name... so I was actually kinda hurt by that. Gasp! I think my title names will always be my Achilles heel. I'm sorry my sense of naming things is so bad... sniff sniff.

The Romance of the Crying Thunder Sword

I put so much effort in coming up with the name for this title that I think ended up giving myself some new wrinkles. Actually the truth is that I was stressing over it so much that my editor came up with the name for me. In any case, while working on this title, I broke one of the cardinal rules of comic artists: "Never use screen tones for hair on main characters!" yes and especially in cases when they have long hair. If nothing else, this is one lesson I learned very painfully during this story. I'm sorry for being such a nuisance~ In this story, I wanted the heroine to seem rather mischievous and so I think I ended up kinda neglecting the hero. He's supposed to be very cool and have composure, but he's also supposed to have a silly side as well (although it didn't really show). I guess I wanted to make him something other than just a plain pretty boy because my personality just wouldn't allow me to draw a non abnormal pretty boy.



Dispel Magic

I didn't want to focus purely on stories based on Asian folk tales so I thought I would change things up a bit for this story. I attempted to give the story a modern setting but because of the content of the story, the feel of the story kinda went elsewhere. Well... I couldn't help it though. I like drawing those types of country style clothes... you know striped shirts, jean dresses, books, and even long socks. As for the characters, while the main characters were Miran and Joon, I put in a great deal of energy to draw Azrael and Gargamel (or perhaps it's simply that I wanted to draw a blonde pretty boy). While the heroine, Miran had no magical potential, Joon was supposed to have a great deal of magical potential. However, I didn't think that it was at all that necessary so I didn't add anything to the story to really show that idea. But still I thought I should let you know now that you've read the story. One interesting thing that happened during production was when I didn't have any images of playgrounds while I was trying to draw the background for the scene towards the end of the story. When "B" heard about this, she went out to a local playground, took some pictures with her digital camera, and sent me the pictures via MSN. In the end though, I was short on time so I wasn't able to put in all the details from those pictures she had sent me, but still I was very moved by her generosity. Sniff Sniff (tears of joy). T_T

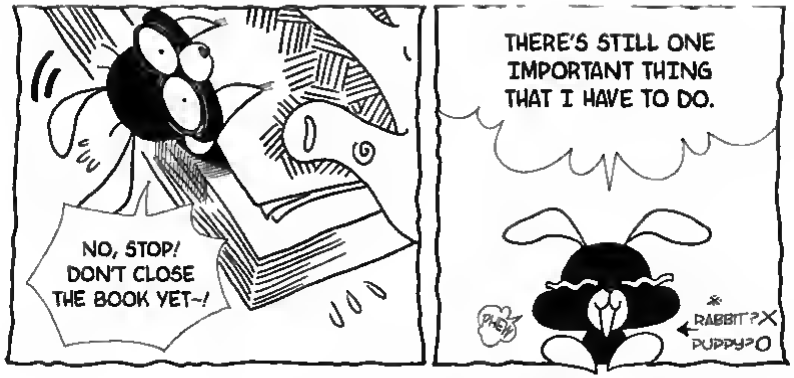
Note - Azrael and Gargamel are the two villian characters from the Smerfs (a French cartoon which was extrememly popular in America during the early 1980's and 1990's). Gargemel was a warlock and Azrael was his pet cat.

Hannya

Once again, I had a hard time naming this story. But the truth is that I've had a much harder time with some of the other works so now that I think about it, it wasn't so bad for this story. Originally I had chosen a title which was the name of a shaman spirit that consumed nightmares but somehow the name kinda sounded erotic so I had to change it... In any case, I think I'll confess here and now and tell you all where I came up with the title "Hannya." You see, there's actually an anime that I really like called "Gibxt Robo" and the final boss's name is Hannya. And so I said, "that's it" and I went ahead and used that name. Anyways, this story is based on an old folk story that my old art teacher showed me. He showed me a picture of an animal and said that it was a shaman spirit that ate nightmares. From the start I thought it would turn into an interesting story to play off of the shaman-eating-nightmares idea. According to Asian folklore, this creature was supposed to look like like the imaginary monster refered to as Hee Tae and the Bhur Gae Sa Ri. Just to be sure, I tried looking it up again but I wasn't able to locate any images of it. And so until I had decided on something to go with, I went through a lot of headaches. In addition, I dug around and got conflicting information in terms of various body parts so I wasn't sure about what to go with. Later, I heard that China had something similar to this shaman creature and that in their version, it looked kind of like a Panda, but in the end, I wasn't able to get my hands on a image of the creature. And during all my head racking, I happen to look at my pet schnauzer and I ended up modeling the shaman after him. What you don't think a schnauzer looks anything like this shaman creature? Well a fantasy is just a fantasy so too bad. Ha ha ha. As for the characters, I had originally designed Hee Yhun to seem like a cold yet beautiful young girl. However because of the Yoo Soung's personality, I ended up drawing her mostly as a angry woman. As for the shaman that caused nightmares, even though part of his name actually sounds like the word "horse" that wasn't the origin of his design. In any case, I really enjoyed his his humorous personality... so much that I felt it was a waste that he couldn't appear more in the story. And my most favorite thing out of his entire design is his beard!

A Magician's Proposal

Needless to say again, I had a hard time with the naming of this title as well. Initially, I had wanted to name this story "Mr. Jackason's Proposal" but all the editors said that that sounded too strange so I ended up going with "A Magician's Proposal"... but even now, I still like "Mr. Jackason's Proposal" better~ I mean after all, the story's about a foolish magician so I had wanted to capture that feel in a goofy sounding title... but now that I think about it, maybe that would be kind of strange, no? In this story, the relationship was between a "master and servant" but in the end, I turned this story into one in which the servant (girl) was actually running the show behind the scene. And because I like to put young girls in relationships with older guys, I had to make the heroine into a fairy to avoid making this story taboo for including a Lolita Complex. In addition, I'm sure you've noticed it, but I personally love drawing heroines with black hair... so while I was starting on this story, I realized this and noticed that all the heroines in the other stories were black haired. That's why I decided to make at least the heroine of this have hair other than black. The truth is, I attempted to model the heroine after how Asians view blonde American girls. In other words, I used the girl mascot from the restaurant called Wendies. By the way, if you didn't notice, I was curious to see how many flowery backgrounds I could possibly incorporate into a single comic so this title was full of flower images of one kind or another. As for personalities, I wanted to make Mr. Jackason a type of person who would literally ruin himself due to his foolishness but in the end I made him a bit less tragic than that. Even his name, "Jackason" was derived from jackass. While this story turned into something altogether different from the rest of the stories I had worked on, I'm glad that I was able to include a slightly different flavor to the mix at the end.

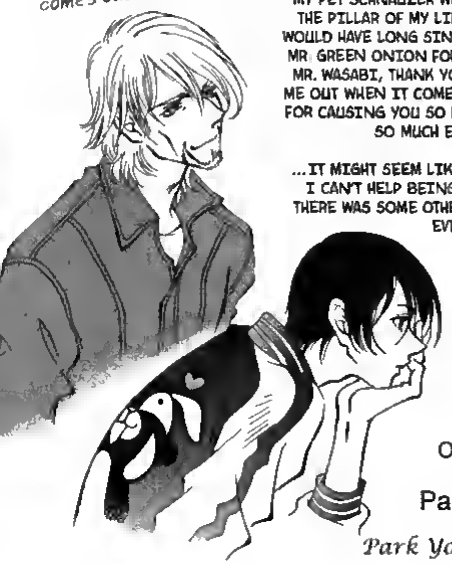


USING THIS FINAL BIT OF SPACE, I WANTED TO GIVE SHOUT OUTS TO VARIOUS PEOPLE.

DIA WHO I ALWAYS SEEM TO BE CALLING FOR HELP. BLOODY WHO ALWAYS GETS SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS FOR ME WHEN I NEED IT AND ALSO HELPING WITH PUTTING TOGETHER THE FINAL VERSION OF THIS BOOK. IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU TWO, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FINISH THIS BOOK! MOM AND DAD, THANKS FOR CHEERING ME ON. AND MY SISTER WHO'S ALWAYS SO PRETTY, THANKS! JINX WHO I'M ALWAYS SO THANKFUL FOR, SORRY ABOUT ALL THE TROUBLE! MY PET SCHNAUZER WHO'S NEVER OF ANY HELP. GOD WHO'S ALWAYS THE PILLAR OF MY LIFE. IF IT WEREN'T FOR ALL THESE PEOPLE, I WOULD HAVE LONG SINCE WITHERED AWAY. I ALSO WANTED TO THANK MR. GREEN ONION FOR HELPING ME BECOME A COMIC ARTIST. AND MR. WASABI, THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS SUCKING IT UP AND HELPING ME OUT WHEN IT COMES TIME FOR EDITING. PLEASE DON'T HATE ME FOR CAUSING YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE~ AND FINALLY, THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH EVERYONE FOR READING MY BOOK.

...IT MIGHT SEEM LIKE I'M GOING OVERBOARD WITH ALL THIS BUT I CAN'T HELP BEING SO ELATED ABOUT ALL THIS. I JUST WISH THERE WAS SOME OTHER WAY I COULD SAY HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE EVERYONE FOR EVERYTHING~

I hope my current favorite anime, Sentou Yousei Yukikaze, comes out on DVD soon~!



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